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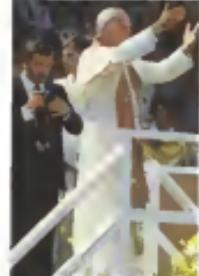
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Pennsylvania challenge

After a crushing defeat in the New York Democratic primary to Walter Mondale, Senator Gary Hart faced another hurdle this week in Pennsylvania. —Page 26



**Profiting from the Pope**  
While the church stresses the "spiritual dimension" of the Pope's Canadian visit, entrepreneurs and special-interest groups are pursuing other aims. —Page 61

COVER

Life with less sex

At 45, Australian-born author and feminist Germaine Greer is every bit as outrageous as when she shocked the world with her call to sexual liberation 14 years ago with her book *The Female Eunuch*. Greer is still a radical, but her latest book prescribes that less sex is best, now that Western society has trivialized sex and downgraded the family. —Page 38

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Mulroney's policy search

Buoyed by last week's Gallup poll, which gave the Tories a 20-point lead over the Liberals, the party caucuses met to draft the first platform under Mulroney. —Page 59



**The network with Nellie**  
In its glitzy tribute to Canadian broadcasting, a black-tie crowd saluted CBC triumphs and gave a standing ovation to an Olympic gold medallist. —Page 69



## LETTERS

### Alive and well

It was a pleasure to read your informative article on the background to the upcoming Israeli election (Israel's living coalition, March, April 2). In the deluge of news from that strife-torn region, reporters often overlook the incredible story of Israel's democracy at work. Israel, surrounded by dictators whose intentions toward it are more too subtle, has never failed to uphold the right to democratic elections based on free, universal suffrage for its citizens, Arab and Jew alike, even in the midst of hostilities. All who believe that majority, pluralistic political processes are desirable should be grateful that at least one Middle East nation whose principles are alive and well.

—ALEXANDER REICHEN,  
Toronto



Marvin Gaye Sr., left, died recently.

### A psychiatric gold mine

I have a recommendation to make for the depressive checklist (The agony of depression, Cover, March 29) any questions on it should be accompanied by "Bahrain five points for all G.P. patients." According to your checklist, British Columbians may be on the verge of mass depression and could become a gold mine for psychiatrists and psychologists.

—WILMA DOUGLAS-STEWART,  
North Vancouver

### Mail diversity

Peter C. Newman's column on Canada Post and its mogul (Why the mail may get through, Business Watch, March 30) does a real disservice to your readers by

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### Corrections

An article in the April 8, 1984, issue of *Maclean's* reported that the Ontario Court of Appeal upheld a lower court ruling that Mr Justice Samuel George could name anyone he feels responsible for the deaths of infants at Toronto's Hospital for Sick Children. In fact, the decision of the court is still pending.

In a follow-up story in the same issue on the downing of Pan Am Flight 103, we said that the International Civil Aviation Organization had reported on the incident concluded that the flight crew believed that the plane had ditched into Soviet airspace. In fact, the report said that the crew did not know.

### PASSAGES

**CHARGED:** Marvin Gaye Sr., 76, a retired minister, with murder, for the shooting death of his son, singer Marvin Gaye, 44, in Los Angeles. The younger Gaye, who was an internationally popular soul performer and writer, became famous after signing with the Motown label in Detroit in 1962, made more than 30 albums and recorded such hits as *I Want You Through the Grapevine*, *What's Going On* and *Sexual Healing*.

**AWARDED:** \$25,000 as interim compensation for a wrongful murder conviction, to be paid by the Nova Scotia government. Dr. Donald Marshall, 30, of Halifax, Marshall, convicted last year by the Nova Scotia Superior Court after spending 11 years in prison, has legal bills estimated at \$60,000. The provincial government had refused to compensate him until an inquiry by Mr Justice Alex Campbell recommended the interim payment be made.

**DEED:** Sir Arthur (Bomber) Harris, 81, commander of Britain's heavy raids against Germany in the Second World War, at his home in Goring-on-Thames in Oxfordshire, England. A controversial military figure, Harris defended the wartime policy of mass bombing raids against German cities and industry.

**DEED:** Jack Hesworth, 58, who played Albert Watson for 24 years as Britain's popular *Our Queen Street* in London. The actor played the world's longest-running serial in his first episode as a cantankerous pensioner.

**DEED:** Frank Church, 69, a senator from Idaho for 24 years who ran unsuccessfully for the Democratic presidential nomination in 1976, of cancer, in Bethesda, Md. One of the first prominent critics of U.S. involvement in Vietnam, Church also chaired a Senate committee investigation in 1975-76 into abuses of power by the CIA and other intelligence agencies.

**DEED:** John McElroy, 67, the jazz pianist, teacher and author who wrote *Jazz Interpretations*, one of the most widely used teaching publications for piano, of a brain tumor, in New Canaan, Conn. McElroy, a self-taught pianist, was a lecturer and jazz critic for *The New York Herald Tribune*.

**DEED:** Irish songwriter Jimmy Somerville, 41, author of *Red Solo* in the Senate, *Teddy Bear's Picnic* and the Second World War propaganda hit *We're Gonna Hang Out the Washing on the Scruffy Line*, in Cheltenham, England.

### Not for Polish ears only

Dr Danuta Poborska considers it "ironical, cynical and in bad taste" that the Soviets would play Chopin's *Polonaise in B-flat major*. She adds, "I further think that 'such music was composed to honor the dead as a result of Polish aggression against Warsaw's opposition—which the Soviets continue now, only to a greater degree'" (*After Auschwitz, Letters*, March 10). The music of Frederic Chopin is not only a Polish separation but a cultural separation of all humanity.

—K.E. GRIMBY,  
Vancouver

### A matter of looks

In your article *Five key players on the campaign trail* (Cover, March 28) Heather Petersen is labelled as "attractive and outgoing." Apparently attractiveness has something to do with political capabilities. Nowhere on the rest of the article are the physical attributes of the ones referred to. When will we stop labelling and judging people first by their appearances and then by their abilities?

—BETHIE FARRER,  
Vancouver

What a sad state of affairs when we hear Canadian political analysts saying that a candidate "looks good" as if it is "good-looking," and therefore is likely to win his party's leadership. Since when does an accident of birth take precedence over all the more desirable human traits that a leader should possess?

—F. SATYON WIEPPEL,  
Edmonton, Alta.

### The controversial Trudeau

In describing his frustrating week in a boat with a boorishly insensuous Pierre Trudeau, who refused to communicate with anyone but Karin Dayle, Karen Dayle, his co-writer, The weekend magazine (March 12), has created a perfect metaphor of the relationship between the late monarch and his country. Like the Canadian people, Dayle should have thrown the Great Man overboard after the first day.

—DONALD MACKENZIE,  
Saskatoon

After being involved in the Trudeau affair of 1983, I was led in later years to a nagging feeling that perhaps that Prime Minister was not living up to the high ideals that so many had expected of him. A magnetic orator (Cover, March 10) was therefore most timely and thought-provoking. It caused the reader to pause and reflect before making final judgment. Considering the media-hunting to which Pierre Trudeau has been subjected, MacKenzie must be commended for giving its readers an

unbiased, in-depth profile of a man who will be remembered in history as an outstanding Canadian.

—STAN STOOLA,  
Ottawa, Ont.

Surely, somewhere in this land are ordinary mortals who work and expect nothing less than the best from each of us and return are willing to give their best to all and the country as a whole. (Forrestal is a man of mystery, *Calgary Sun*, March 13.) We need someone who sees all of Canada—not just the individual parts or mere slices of voters. We need someone who is willing to give some-

thing back to this country rather than just take from it and who has ideals and convictions based on a realistic outlook. Under Trudeau we Canadians have seen, now surely it is time for us to show what we can do.

—B. MILLAR,  
Guyana, Alta.

Reading Barbara Amiel's column How Trudeau moved the nation (March 19) was a reminder of how often, in going over Pierre Trudeau's record, the October Crisis is dredged up as irrefutable evidence of the man's egotism and his

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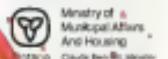
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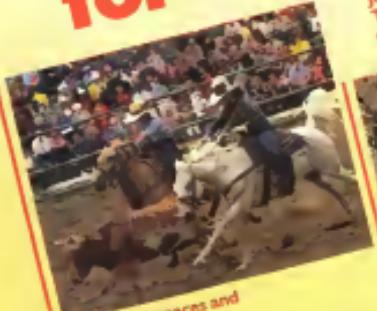
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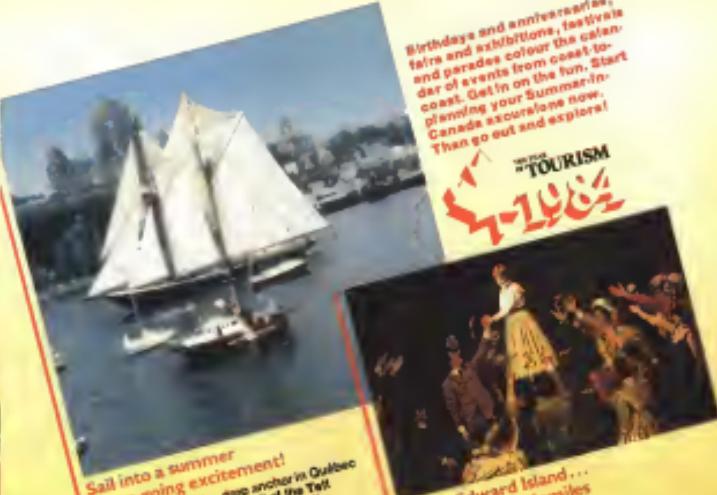
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high-handed, hard-nosed mode of leadership. This may have been thought to question what has become of the RCMP and other terrorist groups in Canada? Why has terrorism, which plagued so many of the world's countries, been strangely stilled in Canada during the years of Trudeau's reign? The question had best be asked by Canada's next Prime Minister.

—JOEL BALLET,  
Mississauga, Ont.

In *How Trudeau moved a nation*, Barbara Amiel stipulates that it was Pierre Trudeau's sly smile face that led us unwittingly into the unchecked growth of Canada's "institutions," which implies that Canadians are subservient to Ottawa's domination. To sum up her specious argument she links all of equanimous Canada with Finland, due to our shared northern proximity with the Soviet Union, and readily remarks that "in spite of the Trudeau era, Canada has not been Finlandized." How can Amiel fail to realize that the nation of five-million people ensured its freedom by thwarting the Soviet onslaught in the 1939 Winter War at a cost of 160,000 men, with 60,000 permanently maimed, while the Canadian nation was subsumed, Finland's personnel frozen and its peaceful neutrality with the Soviets throughout the post-war years were not born out of submission but out of a courageous will to survive as a sovereign state. Canada cannot be "Finlandized" in spite of what Amiel may think, because Finlandization does not exist.

—ROBERT ERIC TIRKALA,  
Vancouver

**A proper perspective on Buckler**  
The death notice of Ernest Buckler in March 19 issues (*Prairiefire*) seemed perfunctory, exhibiting onlyudging respect for his achievement in Canadian literature. Despite being a regional writer, he has been recognized as one of the pioneers in Canadian literature, as a stylist and realist whose main concern was "the right word." Buckler has been described by Claude Bisson, his literary executor, as "Canada's least-known best writer." Your notice tends to reflect that assessment.

—JOHN A. MONTGOMERY,  
Burlin-

### A criminal concern

Your article on dangerous offenders A Deterrent of violence (*Prairiefire*, March 10) is a perfect example of amateurish concern for the criminal. A convicted violent offender is labelled dangerous because of his past behavior. The argument that the dangerous offenders classifications are "unfair," "arbitrary" and "subjective" is correct, because

they are so rarely used (20 times since their inception in 1977). Judges have been encouraged to use the use of this provision of the Corrections Act. Also, your information on mandatory supervision is incorrect. All federal prisoners not serving a life or indefinite sentence must be released after two-thirds of their sentence. There is no evaluation of good behavior, as mentioned in your article. It was a real pity when the practice of renegeating prisoners at the gate was stopped. The Parole Board was struggling to protect Canadians.

—LETTIE BARAK,  
Citizens United for Safety & Justice,  
Vancouver

### The stigma of depression

I found your March 19 cover story, The stigma of depression, an interesting article. I am particularly interested in the ramifications of medical paternalism. The so-called "disease" between experts who support drug therapies and those who support psychological therapies appears to be having the effect of leaving depressed patients as helpless victims. The dogmatism and narrow-mindedness exhibited by most of the psychiatrists interviewed was particularly disturbing. While those advocating the use of psychotherapy also endorsed the use of drugs in certain circumstances, the supporters of drug therapies had the audacity to say that anyone who does not hold the view that drugs are the only treatment for depression is living "in the Dark Ages." In view of recent evidence reported in scientific journals demonstrating the superior efficacy of combining drugs with psychotherapy, this view is particularly reprehensible. Psychotherapy is a particular component of behavior therapy, there is no excuse for such flagrant arrogance. Not until psychologists and their psychotherapies are afforded the same consideration as psychiatrists and their pharmacotherapies will depressed patients receive the comprehensive treatment they deserve.

—KAREN VANDENBERGHE,  
Vancouver, Ont.

Your cover story The agony of depression deserves recognition. The varying opinions and facts expressed give *Globe* an up-to-date, albeit brief, picture of depression research and thinking. There can be no denying, as your article suggests, that "modern society with its stresses and shifting social values" is contributing to an increase in the reported incidence of depression. Articles that deal with the subject from this angle are bound to help reduce the delimiting stigma that too often goes hand in hand with all forms of mental illness. To consider depression or any other mental disorder as a "moral weakness" is a naive assumption which only

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serves to strengthen the socialist stigma. With so many people falling prey to depression, surely as one can afford to live under such misapprehension.

—LINDA BYLAND,

Deputy of Communications,  
Canadian Mental Health Association,  
Toronto

## On curling and smoking

Curling edges out smoking as the most loathing act on earth, suggests Allan Fotheringham (*Challenging the party of sports*, *Calgary Sun*, March 19), illustrating that increasingly clever it often appears to be wrong. The Brier (Canadians men's curling championship) approaches a truly national sporting event. And besides not being boring, curling is not even pure—the rinking in the event is the Lubbock's drivel.

—DONALD WEIR,  
Rochester, N.Y.

Allan Fotheringham challenged "the party of sports" with reference to the contrast between McDonald's tobacco and the Canadian Ski Association. Although Fotheringham feels smoking is bearing and rude, he goes on to rationalize the sponsorship. But Fotheringham readily avoids the real issue underlying the sponsorship of sports events by tobacco—the big lie that smoking is part of an active, healthy lifestyle. Tobacco was directly responsible for the premature deaths of an estimated 30,000 Canadians in 1983—more than five times the number caused by all road accidents the previous year. Thus, Fotheringham was grossly misleading in claiming that tobacco "kills more people every year than highway accidents and even with all the anti-smoking fan of Fotheringham, I am disappointed by the shallow level of conscientiousness that he brought to bear on Canada's number 1 cause of illness, disability and premature death—tobacco."

—DONALD T. WIGLE, MD  
Ottawa

## Out-of-place pronouns

A quote from the March 12 column by Fred Brasing (*Dreaming the "brooding" bottle letter*) in *"Canada's weekly newsmagazine"* states that, "Confrontation, after all, is our natural pleasure, and we are not above to pass up such a splendid opportunity." This struck me as an unusual way to describe Canadians, who supposedly are world famous for apathy. But reading on I realize that it is indeed not Canadians but Americans being denounced. *"People magazine"* that proclaims itself as Canada's *"leading column and one of the world's best"* and *"our"* own *"newspaper out of place"*.

—CHARLES DAWSON,  
Guelph, Ont.

## Putting wolves in their place

Jennifer Stockard should study some facts (B.C.'s *reserves coverage*, Letters, March 20). Does she know that wolves in northern British Columbia have been causing serious amounts of trouble to herds of deer and killing rates outside? Does she know that park managers think those woods report that nearly all the caribou calves have been killed? Did she read the papers when wolves were killing horses, just a bit further north from Fort Nelson? Did she know that community bylaws allowing residents to discharge firearms inside town limits were temporarily revoked as wolves were swooping into people's yards and killing dogs or lambs? Is it just an old wives' tale that wolves keep herds in good condition?

—RALPH HORN

Kamloops, Ont.

Regarding Jennifer Stockard's letter (B.C.'s *reserves coverage*): does she really believe that she, and the rest of Project Wolf, know more about the wildlife in northern British Columbia, its problems of periodic overpopulation of certain species, lack of feeding areas, imbalance of predator to game than the highly trained wildlife biologists hired by the ministry of the environment, the conservation officers working in the areas affected and the local ranchers, guides and trappers, who depend upon a certain amount of predator control to keep the wolves from their door?

—D.L. JESSIE,  
Custer, B.C.

## A margin of error

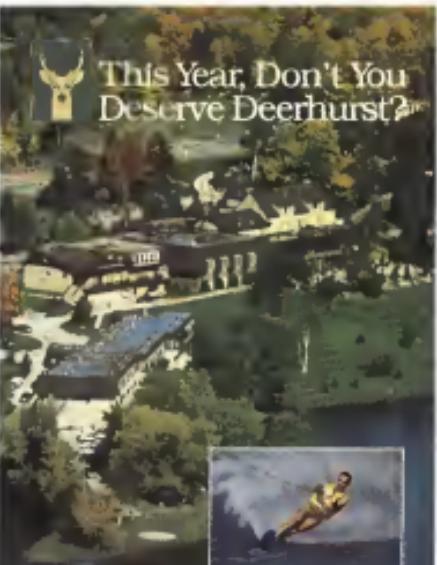
In the article Gallop's margin of error (Canada, March 16) you quite correctly point out some of the reasons that are inherent in any survey. For example, as you stated, the size of sample for Gallop polls is plus or minus four per cent, which means that anytime this poll finds a change of less than four per cent the results are highly questionable because it might have been caused by polling errors. Such an article has been needed for years. However, on the very next page, the article *The Tories seek the spotlight* asserted that the latest poll showed how the Conservative popularity had fallen by four per cent while the Liberal popularity had risen by the same amount. No mention is made of margins of error, and no people are led to believe that the Liberals are indeed on the rebound.

—DAVID PARTRIDGE,

Winnipeg, Ont.

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According to the goss of Vrdolyak, Chicago Tribune, reveals that Clarence McMichaels, one of Chicago's chief political advisors, has a record for protecting and for running various kinds of prostitutes. What is more, the paper discloses that McMichaels owns the city \$100,000 in back taxes for one of his brothels and, to the delight of Washington, the same newspaper reveals that the FBI has arrested one of Vrdolyak's bodyguards for the murder of Atlanta Dewey Day, a Florida agricultural inspector.

\* November, a state grand jury begins investigating former mayor Jane M. Byrne—where Vrdolyak was nickname "hot-flash Jane," claiming that she was "monopolically unchanged"—for handing out generous amounts of vacation pay to her supporters before leaving office last April.

At the heart of the town's decline still were the most diligent reformers who were conceding that, despite Washington's efforts, it looked as if nothing had changed in the city that then-Chicago Sun-Times columnist Mike Royko once said should have an "It's me, who's nuts!"

Still, in recent months the competing factions in the city have drawn closer together. Indeed, some of Chicago's more astute observers are finding grounds for wary optimism. Political consultant David Rose, for one, foresees an orderly changeover from the era of the old Democratic party machine to a new era of coalition politics that could become a model for using U.S. cities. Said Rose, "The rough part is over, and both sides are learning to compromise. The more fear of judges being indicted shows that maybe the system is beginning to cleanse itself. And, most important, through it all, the garbage has been picked up."

Chicago residents judge politicians according to their ability to ensure that garbage pickup and all related street services are satisfactorily performed. And, last fall, while the politicians clashed, Chicago did manage to function. By year's end the mid-ground-controlled city council had hammered out a compromise budget with the mayor just before the Dec. 31 deadline. Fiscal tensions have now eased, and many Chi-

cagoans are giving Washington credit for putting the city on a sounder financial footing than it had been under the administration of the erratic Byrne. The locals have also concluded that Washington, though he has a stony, stern look, has a shrewd toughness.

Washington still has many critics. Some claim that he is indecisive because he is a late riser and often does not arrive at city hall until 10 a.m. Others are concerned about his capacity for inventive and wonder whether he has any ideas to offer.

Chunky and barrel-chested in the typical mould of Chicago politicians, Washington, 61, has so far remained untouched by scandal. Citizens no longer care that he once spent 28 days in county jail for failing to file his tax returns. He has cut back the powers of his public housing chief and he has fired his alleged brother-accepting adviser. But he has so far failed to come to grips with the two major pressing problems of North America's industrial cities: attracting business and providing jobs. With Chicago's unemployment rate at 14 per cent—and at nearly 22 per cent among the city's 1.3 million blacks—compared to the national average of less than eight per cent, Washington needs to start making good on his campaign promises of providing creative urban development.

Still, Chicagoans have welcomed the turn at city hall and have even noted a slight improvement in discipline at the city hall. In fact, an elderly citizen called another a "dirty little creep." Washington interjected, "Now, understand." Washington acknowledged, "that kind of language has no place on this council face." Setting his chair, and muting a long memory, Vrdolyak interjected, "You are absolutely right, Mr. Mayor—words like greedy and scoundrels should never be used." The mayor laughed. "Touch, Mr. Vrdolyak," he said.

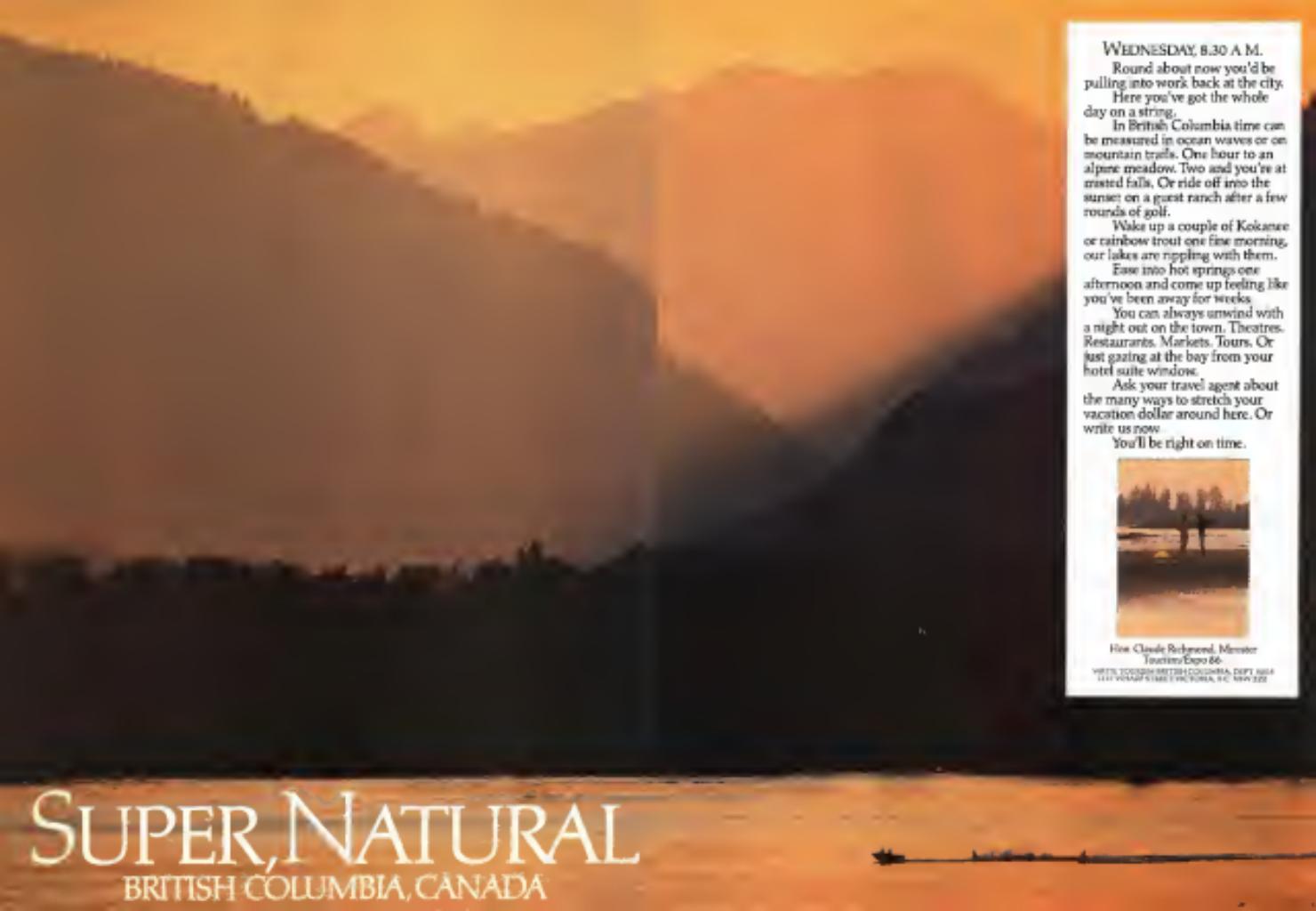
Later that day, at a fund-raising dinner in the city's Bannock hotel, Washington and Vrdolyak posed for a city hall photographer, draped arms around each other's shoulders. A few days later the mayor's office reported that the file had been mysteriously "destroyed in processing." The incident suggested that there are faults to Washington's conciliatory spirit. It also suggests that Chicago may not be ready for peace. —BRIAN KELLY in Chicago

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## Walesa's struggle

For 15½ tension-charged months after the August, 1980, strike at Poland's Gdańsk shipyards, Lech Walesa, leader of the now-outlawed Solidarity trade union, headed a Polish workers' revolt which fired the world's imagination. Walesa, 40, still attracts large crowds on the streets of the seaport. But effectively isolated, if not imprisoned, by the government of Premier Wojciech Jaruzelski, Walesa now puts in an unceasing day's work at the Lenin Shipyard in Gdańsk, where he repays his rudimentary education in a shoddy underground printing press he built from the remnants of his typewriter. After work, Walesa drives directly home in his white minibus to the six-room apartment in a Gdańsk suburb where he lives with his wife, Danuta, 34, and their seven children, aged 3 to 13. The Polish government has forbidden Walesa to participate in any union or political activity and has placed him under 24-hour police surveillance. As a result, Walesa now has ample leisure time, which he spends fishing.

Still, Walesa's struggle continues despite the appearance of normalcy. Last Dec. 39 Walesa complained in a confidential letter to the premier about harassment by authorities. He claimed that the police had fined him for traffic offenses that he did not commit, that housing officials had forced him to pay for a reservation to his apartment that had not taken place, and that tax officials had unfairly assessed taxes of 16,000 zl. (Western banks: Write Walesa: "So far, I have defended myself only a little. That is because I believe we have to come to an agreement sooner or later."

A month later, the official Polish news agency, PAP, made public Walesa's letter, along with the government's 25-page reply. The official letter dismissed Walesa's allegations, accusing him of breach of "binding laws." In a circumspect statement several days later, Walesa declared: "The only right road is the peaceful road. No matter who likes it or does not like it, that is the road I shall take."

Walesa was one of the thousands of Solidarity's 8.5 million members arrested in December, 1981 (11 of the movement's leaders remain in jail with no trial date set). He spent 11 months in detention at a hunting lodge in eastern Poland. When the authorities released him in November, 1982, they began a campaign of harassment against him,

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which effectively prevented him from political involvement.

For its part, the church hierarchy in Poland, as soon as it realized that Jaruzelski was preventing Walesa from playing an effective part in the ongoing Polish drama, began to distance itself from him. That movement was accentuated when Pope John Paul II visited Poland last June and told Walesa in a private meeting that he had heard from the former Solidarity leader about his views on democracy. When the Polish prelate, Josef Cardinal Glemp, was in Warsaw in February, he remarked that Solidarity "in its heyday had stayed from its original aim to defend workers and had taken a political role. When a Western newsmen asked Walesa about Glemp's statement, Walesa said that the cardinal "tells the truth from his standpoint but from democracy's viewpoint the truth may look different."

Walesa, an admirer of the methods of peaceful protest pioneered by India's former nationalist leader Mahatma Gandhi, a few months ago raised the possibility of hunger strikes as a method of peaceful dissidence. Last February that strategy was in evidence when Glemp transferred Father Misiakowski Nowak, a rebellious pro-Solidarity priest, to a remote parish far from the Warsaw industrial suburb of Ursynow. After the church encouraged the town's dozen members of the Ursynow congregation went on a hunger strike in protest. On Feb. 22 the hunger strikers suspended their fast after a few days pending further discussions with Glemp.

For its part, the Polish government has added to the climate of uncertainty—for both Walesa and for other Polish workers—by making seemingly inconsistent moves. The government has allowed Walesa to accumulate houses such as the 1983 Nobel Peace Prize, but he did not go to Gdansk to accept the award because he feared that the anti-offices would let him back into the country (his wife went as his substitute). The government allowed Walesa to sell his flat to visitors, and his wife's received word of rebuke from the Western press. The Polish government-controlled media has not used any of Walesa's interviews.

Through it all, Walesa remains steadfast. Polish watchers do not know whether to interpret his serenity as weariness or as patience. Given Walesa's record as far, observers suspect that he will emerge as an even more durable leader than expected. As Walesa wrote in his letter to Jaruzelski, "I am not an enemy but a partner with demands, whose aim is to prevent errors and distortions that now threaten our country."

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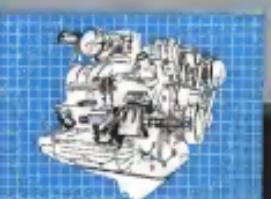
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## A reformed White House

When Theodore C. Sorenson wrote his best-selling book *Kennedy* in 1960—an account of his experiences as a political adviser to John F. Kennedy from 1957 to 1963—he established himself as an incisive analyst of the U.S. political scene. Since then, Sorenson, 55, has written four other books dealing with the executive branch of the U.S. government. In his most recent offering, *A Different Kind of Presidency*, published by Putnam & Whitney in January, Sorenson advocates a complete political overhaul. He calls on the next president to resign coalition governments comprising members of both the Republican and Democratic parties. He also proposes that the next president and vice-president agree to serve only one four-year term. Sorenson believes that an unswervingly independent judiciary is necessary and that political stability between the Republicans, White House and the Democratically-controlled Congress—so that the country's political system can come to terms with the extremely intractable problems of the nuclear arms race, the \$160-billion national deficit and the faltering competitiveness of U.S. trade. Michael's correspondent George Will recently spoke with Sorenson—now a preeminent lawyer and a key adviser to Senator Gary Hart in his campaign to become Democratic presidential candidate—in his Park Avenue office in New York.

**Moderator:** Now would do you think any president should be allowed to resign from the country? For example, many people have said that Jimmy Carter's cynical talk of a "national malaise" was one of the factors that led to his defeat.

**Sorenson:** It is a president's responsibility to put issues in perspective. John F. Kennedy was essentially an optimist and yet he was rather realistic and, at times, candid to the point of sounding an alarm when he talked to the American people about the crises they faced both at home and abroad. He felt that was required of a president if the people were to realize the problems they faced soon enough to take any corrective measures. A president has a responsibility to educate the public. That is not done by wringing one's hands in despair. That was the weakness of the Carter approach. There was a malaise, but



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much of the reason for it lay in the lack of presidential leadership but the opposite approach of Ronald Reagan—which is to see only brightness when there is darkness—is precisely the wrong approach.

**MacLean's:** Would it take a national emergency such as a war to bring about the kind of coalition government that you propose?

**Sorenson:** If we have another war, it may not be one that enables us to reorganize the government and reconstitute a consensus. It may be too late after the first few hours to take any action of that kind. If we need a government of national unity in order to survive in a nuclear war, then surely we would use all the tools in order to prevent a nuclear war.

**MacLean's:** What if only some of your proposals were adopted—of the next president appointed several members of the opposite party to cabinet and sub-cabinet-level posts but did not select a vice-president or members of his personal staff as that home. Would that be "after the war is over"?

**Sorenson:** It would be better than nothing provided that it is a genuine effort to move in the direction of bipartisan administration. I do not regard Reagan's appointing James Kirkpatrick, a Democrat, to head up the U.S. delegation at the United Nations as a move in



**Sorenson:** Reagan sees only brightness

the bipartisan direction any more than I would if Gary Hart were to appoint a maverick liberal Republican to his administration.

**MacLean's:** Of the number of suggestions that you make for reforming the next administration, are there some key changes, or would your proposals work only as a package?

**Sorenson:** I would say that my two most controversial and far-reaching proposals are that the president and vice-president come from opposite parties and that they agree to serve only one four-year term. It is they ways it is a package, but in terms of effectiveness to protect the coalition cabinet, it is the single most important proposal. It is very difficult for a partisan president who is planning to run for a second term to attract and deserve bipartisan support from either the cabinet or Congress.

**MacLean's:** How would you propose that the lengthy and costly process of selecting a president be reformed?

**Sorenson:** I would like to begin with reforms in the area of campaign finance. Not all of that has been done in statute. The Supreme Court has said that political expenditure is a form of free speech, and it is therefore protected under the Constitution. As a result, it is now impossible to impose significant limitations on campaign spending by individuals. First, I would like to

abide a reversal by the Supreme Court of that decision because I do not think spending money without benefit is a form of free speech as the founders of this country intended that phrase. And then I would like to place much more severe limitations on the spending by candidates, by parties and by independent organizations, and perhaps not only a limit on money but a limit on what candidates can do with money. For instance, should political candidates be allowed to buy as much advertising and television time as they can afford? I would like to see candidates provided with free television time on an equal basis.

**MacLean's:** Senator Ernest Hollings (D-S.C.) has said that Reagan intentionally created a large deficit so that there is not enough money for the Democrats' social programs. Do you agree?

**Sorenson:** I do not pretend to be able to read Reagan's mind, but that is certainly the effect. The combination of the large tax reductions and the large increase in defense spending has produced a deficit that in turn produces a large debt service requirement. That has squeezed out any opportunity for domestic programs to help them at the bottom of the economic and social ladder to promote the ends that are important to some of us, such as the environment, public health and civil rights. The

interest payments on the national debt alone are greater than all the reductions in the domestic programs. I think there is another possible motive behind the Republicans' deficit-spending strategy. Ultimately, the Republicans will acknowledge that all these tax reductions have so slashed our revenue base that something does have to be done about it, but the new taxes may well be taxes on consumers—the sales tax, payroll taxes and so forth. If those taxes are introduced, then the Republicans will have done, in effect, is shifted the tax burden from the very well-to-do and the corporations onto the backs of others.

**Sorenson:** Until recently political observers believed that Hart was stiff—if he was not personable enough. Hasn't some change in that perception of him?

**Sorenson:** I was not surprised that many people got that impression Bill had back in 1980. Then John F. Kennedy, whom people now remember as a charismatic figure, was not the smooth, cab-driving waiter with beans in his eyes, bringing audiences to their feet. That was Hubert Humphrey. On the other hand, George Bush is the safe, cautious candidate. That was Stuart Symington. Kennedy had the niche in between, which may very well

be the niche that Hart occupies in this campaign.

**MacLean's:** New York Times columnist Anthony Lewis recently wondered whether there had ever been a president as detached from reality as he believes Reagan is. Do you agree with Lewis?

**Sorenson:** When we think about such first-class presidents as Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln and Roosevelt, we tend to forget about how many second-class presidents we have also had. For Lewis to say that we have never had one so detached from reality in 200 years of history may be giving it a bit of a stretch. But we have had one in the 20th century who was as little and cared as little about the human as Reagan did.

**MacLean's:** How likely is that any one of the possible candidates—whether it be Ronald Reagan or Walter Mondale or Gary Hart—will adopt your proposals?

**Sorenson:** I have to assume that it is a long shot. Reagan has already announced that George Bush is his running mate, and I am sure that he sees no need to change the pattern that has worked for him in the past. Whether or not Hart or Mondale would accept my proposals is harder to say. Hart told me in February that he was half-finished with it and that he was enjoying it. I do not know if he has had the time to finish it. I realize that he has more important things to concentrate on. ☐

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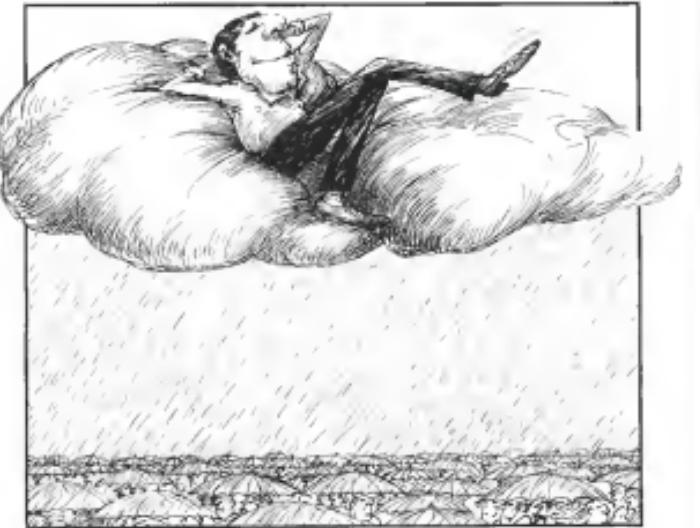


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## COLUMN

# Which parent owns the child?

By Barbara Amiel

Perhaps the ghost of King Solomon was listening to the case being heard in a Toronto courtroom last month as two parents argued over the fate of their child—each one claiming to be looking after its best interests.

In the Bible, King Solomon faced a similar situation. He reached a decision by means of a simple test he told two women, each of whom claimed to be the child's mother, that he would do the only fair thing—divide the baby between them by cutting it in half. One woman agreed, the other begged Solomon to spare the child by giving it all to her. The other, Solomon decided, was a woman who was prepared to give up the child so that it could have the gift of life and made his judgment: "Give her the living child, and in no wise slay she is the mother thereof."

And following is what happened in the Ontario case:

Alexander M., 27 years old. He seems like a nice enough chap. He has a good job, is married to Christine, 22. She is, by all accounts, a loving and caring mother to their one-year-old daughter. She works as a secretary. (Their last name has been published, distinguishing them considerably. After learning of the wife's distress, I decided not to use their full names.)

They have had their ups and downs, but that is not germane to the issue. What is pertinent is that three months ago, during an active marriage—a marriage that at that writing remains active—they conceived their second child. Since the conception of that child they have both slept to stay together. By any measure the marriage is alive.

The child is not. Upon finding out

that she was pregnant, Christine decided to have an abortion. She has been vague about her reasons but she has insisted that she doesn't want her husband right not be able to support the child in the event of a separation. The husband was shaken to the core. He tried to prevent the abortion but found that no one would listen to him—the hospital staff would not even confirm that she was going to have an abortion, nor would that tall man who was on the abortion approval committee. Later on, the father explained his actions this way: "Normally I would have given in to her, but it was like they were trying to take my child away from me. In my mind it was my child."

Alexander went to court. He was pre-

pared to support the child if his wife did not want it. But the court was agitated. The mother could do what she wanted, and the judge could find no area in the law that gave the father any legal right to speak for the child.

To those of us who have been watching the direction of family law, it was no surprise. The blind, bloody-minded demands of feminist pressure groups had profoundly upset results in many areas of matrimonial law—and nowhere more so than in the interpretation of the subsections of Section 251 of the Criminal Code dealing with therapeutic abortions which have been taken to mean that fathers have all the responsibilities of parenthood and authority over their children.

Still, in denying the father's application, the judge made a passing remark of some moral profundity. He acknowledged that a father ought to have some rights and that while the father had no

**'Fathers are regarded as breeding bulls who have no connection with their offspring except to support them.'**

right to act in the name of the fetus, he did at least have the right to bring an application on his own behalf—feminists thought it was. And, as the judge reflected, this appeared to him to be the first time the issue of rights between a father and mother had been presented in a Canadian court. The abortion took place, and afterward husband and wife went home. But the issue of parental rights remains.

Whether the fetus is a person or not, there is little doubt that it exists. One can accept the notion that feminists try to sweep upon us all, that it is merely an extension of the mother, but that's just silly. Clearly, a fetus is not an extension of the mother in the same way a nose or a liver is, because a kidney will always remain a kidney while a fetus grows yet bodily interfere with the body it is living inside being.

The question hanging about our society is that one: "Are progestationalists who desire the father to act as a co-parent to love and care for the child and the other willing to do so with it—surely the spirit of liberalism and regard for the individual say that the law should be on the side of life."

connection with their offspring except when it comes to support. Once you die the natural interest parents have in their offspring, born or unborn, a vacuum is created, and the only entry that can fill that gap resides in—the state.

And so it has. The state has determined when and who may kill the unborn child. While some women may have abortions under very genuine and understandable circumstances, such as rape, dire poverty, undesired pregnancy or a threat to the mother's life if the baby is carried full term, some may have them for far more trivial reasons—at the expense of Christine and Alexander. The state has decided that a woman may end her child's birth for her convenience, because it may prove article her career, or be in bad need of living expenses until she gets married again.

A mother's mental train at the prospect of carrying a child for nine months is considerate grounds for an abortion. A man's profound mental train at the idea of supporting a child for 18 years is not. At the very least, if we take the constitutional guarantees of equality between men and women seriously, society is going to have to face up to the consequences of allowing men to opt out of their support obligations for a child they do not want.

A society with some moral decency cannot continue to go on denying the existence of fatherly love and interest as if all children are born by immaculate conception. If a couple has an active marriage at the time of conception, surely one partner ought not to be allowed to kill the child without the permission of the other. And surely our law is flexible enough to make provision for those rare situations in which an insanely callous spouse demands that a wife have a child under circumstances of extreme danger to her health.

Meanwhile, our society has arrived at King Solomon's judgment in reverse. That king solved the problem facing him by the basis of which parent would give up her rights to the child in return for giving it the gift of life. Our law has given the child to the parent who would—very fairly—cut it in half.

To what have we progressed? Surely, under most circumstances, whenever there is a dispute between two parents—one wishing to love and care for the child and the other wanting to do so with it—surely the spirit of liberalism and regard for the individual say that the law should be on the side of life.



# A novel plan for the new man



McMillan (left), Mulroney, policy adviser Jon Johnson, press aide Bill Fox; hard work and no play at Tory caucus

By Carol Goar

**C**onservative Leader Brian Mulroney was at home last week preparing a Bible reading for the annual Parliament Hill prayer breakfast when a Gallup poll results came out. His old-time chief policy adviser, Charles McMillan, responded by telling him that the Tories had already reversed their six-month decline. The Conservatives had 54 per cent, a single-point jump from the previous poll, the Liberals 33 per cent, a four-point drop, and the New Democrats 31 per cent, a further two-point shift. The survey defied the forecasts of virtually every analyst as Parliament Hill observed McMillan. "Maybe we will not need so many preys tomorrow morning after all."

As a result of the poll, members of the federal Conservative caucus were still elated two days later when they gathered in Mount St. Marie, Que., for a major policy planning session. The ski resort, 85 km north of Ottawa, was grey and soggy, but nothing could dampen the spirits of the 113 MPs and senators. For 18 hours they met for earnest, and

at times, heated discussions. There were no social events, and spouses were not invited. But when the weekend was over, the Tories emerged with a full-blown—though still largely secret—election platform in hand. "We keep hearing that voters want a new man with a new plan," said a party strategist. "We have

**The Tories emerged from their weekend policy caucus with a largely secret election platform in place**

shown them the man, now we will show them the plan."

The party planned to keep most policy planks temporarily under wraps. "Obviously they are not all going to be released in one fell swoop," said Deputy Leader Erik Nielsen, who earlier in the week relinquished his duties as House leader to work full-time as party strategists. Instead, Mulroney will disclose major policy positions over the next two

months in a series of well-published speeches and statements. An associate Tory put it, "We can't afford to sit back and let the Liberals dominate the national stage until June." But the Tory game plan has to take into account two complicating unknowns. Not only do the Conservatives have to find time for an election that ends before mid-August or mid-September, but Mulroney must build his campaign without knowing which of the six candidates currently vying for the Liberal leadership will have to face.

The latest Gallup figures, based on a survey taken early in March in the immediate aftermath of Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau's resignation announcement, confounded the forecasts of Liberals and Tories alike. At the time, the Liberals were confident that their popularity would increase as soon as the uncertainty over the Prime Minister's successor was resolved. Even the Tories were prepared for an improvement in Liberal fortunes.

But the results shocked the Liberals. Leadership hopeful Employment Minister John Roberts admitted that his party's four-point drop "was not what I

would have expected given the enthusiasm and excitement within the party." And Liberal Senator Keith Denby noted that the poll proves what he has been saying repeatedly that Trudeau is popular.

But most Tories strategists still expect the party to lose some ground as the Liberal leadership race heats up. To counteract that tendency, the Conservatives plan to turn their attention to manipulating Mulroney will hold a series of closed-door meetings with business leaders and provincial leaders to make sure that they understand the party's views on key issues. And Mulroney will spend as much time as possible in his home province.

The Mount St. Marie meeting was a turning point for the Tories. Last September, Mulroney asked every member of his shadow cabinet to prepare an executive policy paper on his area of responsibility. Mulroney returned some of the papers quickly to their authors, with his own personal comments. "Not everyone," he says, "had all the information they finally approved for last weekend's meeting." As a result, while once Sunday the Conservative parliamentary committee satiated and debated all the various proposals, "It is more than just an exercise in participatory democracy," says Deputy House Leader Tom McMillan. "This way, if there is a real change, we are all to blame."

Though the bulk of the detailed program remained shrouded in secrecy, Mulroney gave Canadians their first glimpse of the new Tory platform midway through the weekend meeting. At a news conference Saturday, he announced that a Conservative government would vastly increase federal spending on restraining programs to help workers cope with technological change. Mulroney said on all levels of government that he wants that "brought-in investment in human resources" invariably turns out to be a worldwide allocation of priority funds." It was an elegant ploy, reflecting the hard work of a nation-wide As Mulroney admitted, "You may have to hear us as we look at some deep, substantive and sometimes pediatric problems."

In a quasi way, the Mount St. Marie caucus told the story of the evolution of Mulroney and the Tories. Only seven months ago the party and its new leader had gathered on the same grounds. The lake was sparkling, and the September breezes were warm. The meeting was a whirlwind of tennis games, barbecues and all-night poker games. "This time it's completely different," said Tom McMillan, wistfully. "Everyone was served notice they were here to work—not to play." That the buoyancy is faded over.

## Choosing not to run

**O**ne day before he was to announce his candidacy for the leadership of the Liberal party, James Coates had still not decided if he should run. Over lunch with a supporter he once again heard the arguments in favour of a leadership bid. But after he had finished his six-course steak and fried potatoes, the former top adviser to Prime Minister Trudeau returned to his Toronto home to decide his future alone. And after weeks of polling friends and party members across the country—many of whom told him he could not win—Coates reluctantly decided not to enter the race, although he initially

that should allow the candidates to leave the tricky Manitoba language question behind them. Former Finance minister John Turner was one contender prepared to let the issue die. He became embroiled in controversy early in the race when he said that the Manitoba government's attempts to extend and extend language rights to its francophone minority fell under provincial jurisdiction. But last week Turner refused to be drawn into the controversy again. While visiting Winnipeg, he said that he supported the referral to the Supreme Court of a proposed a made-in-Manitoba motion had failed.

Turner's stand on language rights has helped his cause in the West, where thousands of new Liberals are rushing to join a party divided by interest in the leadership contest. In Manitoba, the number of federal Liberals has doubled to 3,000 from 1,500 since last fall, fueling organizations to use a computer to handle the craze of apathetic. And in Alberta, where the Conservatives hold all 22 seats, the influx of newcomers has caused resentment among veteran Liberals who want to be among the 1,200 delegates chosen to attend the convention.

The hard for new members was most intense in Toronto last week with Turner and Jean Chretien workers competing for the seat of Ontario's Labour Employment Minister Adrienne Clarkson's old riding bid. In Brantford-Greenwood, a riding now held by the New Democrats, Turner supporters were active among the area's large Greek population.

Still, Liberal organizers said they were taking precautions against possible abuses of the delegate selection process. They claimed there is little danger of drunk and children becoming "instant members"—as happened last year during the Tories' leadership convention. "We were warned from the very beginning that that was not to be done," said Turner organizer Beryl Linton. "We want to win but we do not want to ruin the party."

—ANNE WALMSLEY in Toronto, with Suzanne Eley in Ottawa and Nancy Johnson in Calgary



Coates: a gale in party membership





Kahn at last season's World Series: provinces and major-league baseball cry 'You'

## The fight over the sports pool

**I**t was intended as a quick and easy way to raise money for each province's medical research and the 1988 Calgary Winter Olympics. But Federal Sport Minister Jacques Olivier discovered last week that good intentions do not always win favor in politics. Only one month before Ottawa plans to launch a new national sports-betting pool, Olivier faces two legal challenges when weekly gross sales fell to \$20,000.

Bell Ottawa's strained relations with the professional sports leagues is the biggest problem facing the pool. In a final effort to avoid a lawsuit, Olivier and Senator Jack Austin, minister of state for social development, who would like to see a major-league franchise in Vancouver, flew to New York last week to meet with baseball commissioner Bowie Kuhn. But Kuhn refused to endorse the sports pool and late in the week he applied for an injunction from the Quebec Superior Court to stop it. Ottawa's planned use of the leagues' trademarks and schedules would be a violation of copyright, the commissioners said. And the Montreal Canadiens, who issued the challenge, have issued a statement that the National Hockey League is also considering legal action against the pool. The league's governors will make the final decision at a board meeting in June if the pool is operating. NHL president John Ziegler refused to comment on the league's plan but he noted that the organization had filed a lawsuit against Hockey Select before it folded. Said Ziegler: "The NHL has a 60-year history of opposition to wagering on our games. Once you have betting, it changes the whole perception of the sport."

For his part, Olivier said the provinces and the leagues simply want to share the pool's expected profits. "The first thing you learn in politics is that everybody wants a piece of the cake," he said. But this time Ottawa is in no mood to share.

—ROSS LAYER is in Toronto, with *newspaper*'s reporters

## The senators and the PLO delegate

**S**enators are not used to being at the centre of national attention. But last week, when a Palestine Liberation Organization representative appeared before their committee on foreign relations, parliamentarians from the Liberal and Conservative parties criticized their controversial initiatives. MPs protested against the presence of Zehof Terzi, permanent PLO observer at the United Nations, on the basis that his appearance was "inappropriate" to Canadians Jews and helped the PLO cause. The furor increased when Terzi told the committee that he condemned acts of violence against "three of us" even though he condemned terrorist acts against civilians.

Liberal MPs from ridings in which the Jewish vote is significant raised the most vocal opposition to Terzi's appearance. Conservative foreign affairs critic Bevilaqua Stevens also reacted strongly, saying that Canadians are "shocked that Terzi was allowed in the country." Retired Liberal Senator George von Riesen, who heads the foreign affairs committee examining Canada's relations with Middle East and North African countries, defended Terzi's invitation. "Whether anyone likes it or not, it would be a very unbalanced study if we did not hear from the major players," he said.

Last November the committee traveled to Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Jordan and Israel and held two sessions with PLO representatives without providing any public forum at home. Van Raaghen pointed out that at "various forums" the idea of eliminating conflict with the PLO are commonplace. Syria had welcomed a PLO diplomatic mission in 1981. Senior Iranian politicians have met with PLO leader Yasser Arafat, as has the Pope, and the French foreign minister has talked to the PLO's political department head on numerous occasions. In a 1984 declaration in Versailles the European Community affirmed that the PLO "will have to be associated with the negotiations" of a Middle East settlement.

After the Terzi invitation the Israeli ambassador to Canada, Elias Shor Ben-Horin, complained that the committee had not asked him to appear, although the senators are nearing the end of their two-year study. Van Raaghen told reporters last week that he would welcome the ambassador's appearance and that he has sent Ben-Horin a written invitation. But the timing of that invitation may only serve to make the senators the centre of attention again.

—THOM HARTMANN is in Ottawa,

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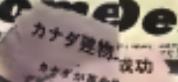


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Mondale shaking hands with Philadelphia Mayor Wilson Goode; Jackson; Hart (right) facing a large, mixed race for the nomination



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## WORLD

# The Pennsylvania challenge

By Arthur Johnson

**I**t was former vice-president Walter Mondale's most vicious campaign and his personal system. Senator Gary Hart, the target of Mondale's relentless and damaging attacks, had stumbled badly. And for Jesse Jackson, who countered massive support among black voters, the New York state primary provided impressive evidence that he will be a major influence in the final choice of a Democratic challenger to face President Ronald Reagan in November. Endorsements from Gov. Mario Cuomo and New York City Mayor Edward Koch helped Mondale's comeback in the crucial state with 282 Democratic delegates, the second-largest in the country after California. But Mondale himself sensed the initiative from Hart, portraying his opponent as a flip-flopping fool in the pan. And while Hart struggled to put a decisive face on his "new idea" campaign, Mondale hoped for another victory this week in Pennsylvania.

**The candidates learned a valuable lesson: 'when you are losing, you cannot afford to be a nice guy'**

It is unlikely that Hart's promise of a new, high-technology approach will be won over where livehairs are threatened by layoffs and shutdowns among the bloated steel and auto industries. And Jackson must maintain his momentum among black voters, which could be difficult. Wilson Goode, Philadelphia's first black mayor, has already pledged his support to Mondale. By United Press

International's unofficial estimates, Mondale now has 960 of the 1,367 delegates needed to win the nomination (Hart has 620 and Jackson 142, while 325 are uncommitted).

As the three Democrats slugged it out for votes, Reagan continued his re-election campaign for re-election. Just before the New York primary Reagan traveled to Baltimore to throw out the first ball in the Orioles' season-opener against the Chicago White Sox. He appeared relaxed and in top form, while his opponents played political hardball on the streets of New York.

Still, when the Democrats moved on to Pennsylvania, they drew Reagan into the fray, making him the target during their debate in Pittsburgh late last week. Mondale, Hart and Jackson portrayed the president as a dangerous warmonger who condones the rich at the expense of the average American. Hart accused Reagan of featuring a relentless arms race, saying, "This president frightens me to death." Mondale attacked Reagan as a president who has allowed ethical standards to slip, referring to investigations into the financial dealings of attorney general-designate Edwin Meese and the allegations of

scandal that have accompanied the re-election of several Reagan aides. Said Mondale: "Every day now, another rotten apple is falling out of the tree in Washington, and the president is looking somewhere else." Jackson claimed that the president's policies have pushed an additional eight million people into poverty since he took office. Said Jackson: "Reagan has been guilty of a kind of reverse Robin Hood process, taking from the poor and giving to the rich."

In response, Reagan demonstrated that he too is willing to take his turn at bat. Last week he made several appearances in New York to win minority groups and to seek support for his Middle East peace plan. In the San Francisco primary battle, Mondale and Hart made the Middle East a major issue. Both said they would move the U.S. Embassy in Israel to Jerusalem from Tel Aviv. But Reagan, in a meeting with leaders of New York's large Jewish community, reiterated that he opposed such a move, saying that it would antagonize the moderate Arab leaders he is trying to persuade to negotiate with Israel.

The president also tried to mend fences with women voters. In a speech in the Women's Business Owners of New York, Reagan defended himself against charges that he is indifferent to discrimination against women. He pledged that his administration would not hesitate to use the courts to punish the practice. The next day, in an address at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., Reagan went on the offensive, blunting Democratic criticism of Mondale only among voters from 18 to 24 years of age. And Jackson surprised

undermining his policies in Lebanon and Central America and for encouraging "the extremes of democracy." That accusation brought a vigorous rebuttal from Senator Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts. Kennedy said that Reagan was to blame, not Congress, and called him "the most dangerous president of the nuclear era."

But while Reagan initially drew fire from the Democrats, it appeared likely that Mondale and Hart would resume their attacks on each other. By portraying Hart as inexperienced, crass and uncaring, Mondale was able to put him on the defensive in New York. Despite outspelling Mondale 3 to 1, Hart was never able to shift the focus of debate away from the weak spots that his opponent had targeted. Mondale had charged that Hart was shifting the U.S. Embassy in Israel merely to get Jewish votes. Hart responded reminders that the Colorado senator had opposed the federally financed bailout of Chrysler Corp. in 1979 also hurt Hart. In New York City, which the federal government rescued from near-bankruptcy in 1975 through the purchase of annual loans, Mondale's point was especially telling.

The most impressive feature of Mondale's New York victory was the breadth of support that he received. Polls showed that he appealed to a broad spectrum—old and young, male and female, union members and nonmembers, Jews and Catholics, rich and poor. Hart managed to beat Mondale only among voters from 18 to 24 years of age. And Jackson surprised

everyone by emerging as the other real winner in New York. He took 80 percent of an enthusiastic turnout that gave him a margin of a million black voters—the highest turnout ever in most probably history, easily edging out Hart for third place.

Gives the potency of his appeal to black voters, Jackson's campaign has begun to take on elements of a crusade. His strong showing, despite a short-string campaign budget and the support of many black elected officials for Mondale, has won the lavish tributes from top Democrats. Said Cuomo: "What they write the history on this one, the longest chapter will be on Jackson. The man did not have two cents. He did not have one television or radio ad as far as I could see, and look what he did!" Jackson presented his display of strength in New York as a victory for blacks. "We have won our self-respect," he declared. "Never again will off-line Democrats take us for granted."

Still, the man who learned the hardest lesson in New York was Gary Hart. Clearly an attractive candidate, Hart was unknown to many voters. In Pennsylvania he immediately put that hard work to work. In a dramatic press conference in front of the Franklin Arsenal in Philadelphia, Hart reminded voters that Mondale had promised in 1976 to keep the arsenals open. Yet the Carter administration closed it in 1977, putting 1,400 people out of work. Republican political consultant John Sears said that the candidates have come to a valuable realization which will color the rest of the campaign. Said Sears: "When you are losing you cannot afford to be a nice guy."

Still, the loss of Pennsylvania would not mean complete disaster for Hart. His expectations there are not high, although polls show him running dead even in a repeat battle. Nonetheless, the win may give him the confidence he needs to believe that Mondale could not possibly beat Hart in Israel. Already, he has been pushing his shifting position to show him as a candidate similar to Mondale in his concern over civil rights and other issues, while stressing that he represents a new generation of leadership.

In a series of primaries in western states coming up next month, Hart has the chance to regain lost ground before the primary battleground rolls to California, with its 306 delegate votes, on June 5. But ultimately he must prove himself in at least one of the remaining industrial states—Ohio, New Jersey and Indiana. No Democrat can beat Reagan if he cannot carry the United States' industrial heartland.

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Workers in Lorraine, Mitterrand, "advancing in a fury of nostalgia"

## EUROPE

# The war against restraint

**T**he episodes were 1,100 km apart, but their cause was the same. In the bleak northern French mining town of Longwy, a 28-hour general strike that paralyzed the entire Lorraine industrial basin erupted in ugly violence when steelworkers, faced with 25,000 job cuts over the next three years, stormed the local police station, blocked roads and rail lines, and set fire to private villas. And in South Wales' 400 coal mines at a steel plant in Port Talbot tried again to win the miners' 50,000-strong Australian-style strike—the last clash in a seven-month-old British miners' strike protesting 28 pit closures and 22,000 layoffs this year. These examples of labor fury last week were a reaction to the remorseless concentration of European governments—led by Britain and France—to overhaul their outdated and uncompetitive industries.

Both Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and President François Mitterrand have shown that they are prepared to withstand the workers' revolts even though the risk of violence may lead to increasingly dangerous confrontations over strike power. Glauchau or strong electoral mandates and a new mood of uncertainty—and dependence—in labor ranks, both leaders are forcing modernization of their money-losing industrial bases.

The stakes are high for both leaders, but Mitterrand stands to lose the most

utive director of West Germany's Rhenish and Ruhr Association, announced that the government is curtailing plant closures and 30,000 job cuts over the next three years. Britain has already trimmed its productivity by 4.5 million tons but still faces another round of reductions. Still, despite a three-month strike last year Britain carried out its steel cutbacks with relative ease. As a result, Thatcher last year assigned her tough troubleshooter from British Steel, 31-year-old Ian MacGregor, to deal with the country's powerful and volatile coal miners. Two years earlier she abandoned that undertaking when the 160,000-strong National Union of Mineworkers concluded a series of strikes. But now layoffs have weakened the miners, and the National Coal Board's losses have doubled, to \$885 million, in three years, pricing British coal out of the home market.

Thatcher's replacement that MacGregor could do it effectively with a long strike and last week she seemed to have assessed the situation accurately. Although some trainmen and miners supported the miners by refusing to move coal, the steelworkers refused to throw in their support because they feared losing their jobs. As well, an increase in numbers of miners returned to work.

The same disregard for economic realities has impinged the French steelworkers' protests, which so far have not matched the fury of Lorraine's 1979 steel riots. Mitterrand has tried to ease their sense of grievance by offering an elaborate social package of early pensions and two-year retraining leaves at 50-per-cent pay, as well as investment incentives for the already desperately depressed region. He has also recruited the help of the experienced economist, René Dumont, and Georges Gendre, head of EDF, which has announced plans for new plants in Lorraine.

Still, French Communist Party leader Georges Marchais, for one, has denounced the steel cutbacks as a "tragic error." But the steelworkers, like the British miners, seem to know that they are, as London Guardian columnist Peter Jenkins put it, "advancing in a fury of nostalgia."

Added Jenkins, in an apt summary of the uprisings and miners' tragedy which are the toll of the current industrial revolution: "The combined forces of the age of iron and coal and steel are no match for the future." That message is certain to echo loudly in both countries.

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## INDIA

# The rising toll of a holy war

**F**or two months tensions had been high in the northeastern state of Punjab, the homeland of India's 15 million Sikhs. More than 150 people had died in fighting between the predominant Sikhs, who are seeking special recognition for their culture and religion, and the majority Hindu population. Last month Prime Minister Indira Gandhi offered to discuss extending the constitution to meet Sikh demands. Jaintian Singh, a Sikh moderate, greeted the offer as "a grand victory" and they immediately called off planned demonstrations. Then, last week Sikhs announced

extremists prompted equally forceful retaliation from local Hindus. In an recent attack Hindus stopped local trains, pulled off Sikh passengers and forced the men to shave, a serious contravention of the sect's holy law, which dictates that spiritual power derives from long hair.

Support for extremism is relatively small in the Sikh community. But it is growing. The community's traditional leader, the moderate Akali Dal party, is losing ground to an ultra-orthodox movement whose leader is a fundamentalist Sikhs, or holy men, Jarnail Singh



Police controlling Sikhs outside the Punjab's Golden Temple; Bainsdravale, rear, flings rhetoric and violence

posing as students burst into the home of a Hindu university professor and member of parliament, V.N. Tewari, in the Punjab capital of Chandigarh, and shot him to death. The murder provoked furious reprisals by the state's Hindu community, and a week of rioting left at least 15 people dead, scores injured and more than 1,000 in prison. Guards, ordering hundreds of security troops into the city, announced the imposition of emergency powers which enable the government to jail troublemakers arbitrarily.

Essentially, the violence has overwhelmed the reasons underlying moderate Sikhs' demands for greater autonomy in the Punjab. Sikhism is a unique faith which combines Islamic-style belief in one god with Hindu religious practices. The Sikh and Hindu communities coexisted peacefully for years. But in 1962 the Sikhs began a campaign for autonomy for the Punjab. Attacks by the Sikhs

Bainsdravale, a giant figure with a massive presence, 36-year-old Bainsdravale has died. Now Delhi has a combination of fierce rhetoric and violence. Said he: "We are convinced the government will not do anything if we remain passive." Warned by Indian police as a speaker charged, Bainsdravale retreated behind the heavily fortified limestone walls of the Golden Temple, the Sikh holy city of Amritsar. Gandhi reportedly planned to order the storming of the temple but she delayed implementing her command, apparently fearing that occupation of the shrine would increase Sikh alienation.

At the same time, the crisis has begun to threaten the Punjab's traditional prosperity. The state's rice plants are rich with cash crops; the result of two decades of careful development. Its wheat production now rivals that of developed nations. But government planners recently announced that the state

had lost \$1.2 billion in the fiscal year ending March 31 because of political instability. Warned one Indian observer: "It is the beginning of the disintegration of the Punjab economy." That fear has fuelled the Sikhs' resentment toward New Delhi. They charge that the government has already crippled the state's economic growth by diverting investment to less prosperous regions.

For the Hindus, Gandhi's decision to consider officially acknowledging Sikhs' distinct identity from Hindus has posed a political as well as a religious threat. Hindus believe they will view the proposed constitutional amendment as the first step toward Punjab's independence. Indeed, Bainsdravale declared, "What the Sikhs want is a separate nation."



Many observers suggest that Gandhi will now try to reach Bainsdravale and his followers, then grant Sikhs moderate Sikhs' original demands for limited autonomy, including special Sanskrit-style status for Amritsar and the compulsory teaching of the Punjabi language in schools. But to mollify the intense anti-Sikh and anti-follower feelings from the Golden Temple seems impossible without the use of considerable force, because of its fortifications and the renowned ability of Sikhs fighters. And Gandhi is mindful of Sikh warrior tradition: 32 per cent of India's security forces. If she orders the seizure of the Golden Temple she risks open rebellion by the Sikhs. And the prospect of that in the armed forces may give far more frightening than the continuing religious violence to the nation's troubled northern bank.

—JASON MCKEEON, in Toronto, with correspondents' reports

## MacEachen's troubled tour

**A**lthough External Affairs Minister Allan MacEachen had described last week's visit to Central America as a chance to "test Canadian policy [in the region] against reality," the frustration of Canadian diplomats, the test quickly turned into an ordeal. First, the Canadian-built Douglas executive jet carrying MacEachen and his entourage to Colombia plummeted 10,000 m after a sudden drop in cabin pressure. That troubled start to MacEachen's Central American swing was only one of several problems.

Various Canadian diplomats note that the foreign ministers from two of the countries of MacEachen's itinerary—Honduras and Nicaragua—had suddenly left for Europe and were unable to keep appointments with the minister; meetings that had been scheduled a month earlier. Dashed are Canadian diplomats' "hell, Canada gives both those countries more support than the places they have gone to visit," like Portugal."

The sudden departure of the Honduran foreign minister, Edmundo Peña Estrada, was particularly puzzling because Honduras has been pressuring Canada to serve as a mediator between that country and the Contras group of nations (Colombia, Venezuela, Mexico and Panama), which are seeking a peaceful settlement to the Central American crisis. Peña Estrada contends that the Contras group may be acting with Nicaraguans in the escalating conflict between the two nations. Indeed, the increasing militarization of Honduras and its use as a base for attacks by US-backed Nicaraguan rebels has weakened its standing among Latin American nations.

Equally challenging was MacEachen's early meeting in Washington with US Secretary of State George Shultz. Shultz requested that MacEachen express greater support for US-backed governments in the region. But Ottawa wants to distance itself from the US vision of Central America as a fast-track between East and West. Said MacEachen: "We believe the roots of the evils are economic, social and political frustrations." These frustrations, unlike MacEachen's personal setbacks, seem likely to endure long after he completes his troubled tour this week.

PAUL ELLIOTT is Guatemala City and Paul Goulet is Managua and Mary Joaquin in October



Pedestrians at Berlin Wall fortifications; Berg getting rid of the protest potential

### EAST GERMANY

## A swelling exodus to freedom

**S**ome 40,000 in cars bursting with household goods. Others climbed out of trains or buses with only a suitcase. Still, a single idea drove more than 1,000 East Germans who reached the Gleis 16 refugee camp near Frankfurt in West Germany last week to join 35,000 of their countrymen who have so far this year succeeded in making a fresh start in the West. Last week's refugees were the latest in the longest wave of emigration from East Germany since the Communist government ratified the 1978 law frontier with West Germany as well as erecting the Berlin Wall in the 1960s. But as the numbers grow, the German government stressed a new approach that it intends to allow an unrestricted outflow of citizens from their homeland. It pressed ahead with new ingreivable border fortifications designed to prevent illegal crossings.

The size of the emigration surge has taxed the resources of the Gleis 16 camp's 60-member staff and surprised government officials. But Ottawa wants to distance itself from the US vision of Central America as a fast-track between East and West. Said MacEachen: "We believe the roots of the evils are economic, social and political frustrations." These frustrations, unlike MacEachen's personal setbacks, seem likely to endure long after he completes his troubled tour this week.

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Among the refugees arriving at Gleis 16 last month was Ingrid Berg, niece of East German Premier Willy



Stuga. She created a sensation in February by driving to Prague with her family in a bid to defect. East German lawyer Wolfgang Vogel persuaded Berg to return home with the promise that she would later receive permission to travel to the West legally. After reaching Gleis 16, Berg declared that she had first considered defecting in 1982 during a stopover in Montreal on a flight to Cuba. But she added that she had decided not to ask for asylum because her family was safe with her.

The West German media have warmly welcomed the emigration surge. But for Haeseler the new border fortifications have diminished much of the publicity value. Western intelligence sources said that work on the new 16-foot metal fence, which has more sharp protrusions and an electronic alarm system, will be finished by June. The firm of 55,000 automatically fired machine-guns along the frontier. Experts in the West claim that the new wall, already 45 km long, is so secure that East Germany can remove the remaining firing devices and deadly land mines.

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—PETER LEWIS in Bonn

## The dark clouds of revolt

**D**espite rumors of hasty gunfire that went in the republic of Guinea earlier, nothing was heard from the capital, Yamoussoukro, where hundreds of thousands of miners were reportedly at their jobs and traffic flowed normally. But within hours it became clear that West Africa's second coup attempt in three days was under way. Tanks besieged the palace of nominal President Paul Biya, 52, and Radio Yamoussoukro, the former French colony's main broadcasting station, west of the site in Paris. There were reports that rebel army units under a Col. Sankoh, a commander from the Madiou north, had包围ed chief of staff Gen. Pierre Senghor. Diplomatic sources said the rebels were probably supporters of former president Amadou Ahidjo, who stepped down peacefully in favor of Biya in 1982. But Ahidjo, now in exile, refused to confirm that theory. At his home in Grasse, in southern France, he would say only, "they are [supporters] they will come out on top."

The tension in Conakry was in marked contrast to a peaceful army takeover in Guinean capital earlier in the week. As jubilant Guineans took to the streets in the decaying city of Conakry, the nation's new leader, Col. Lansana Conté, 36, announced that the armed forces had headed off attempts by members of the late civilian president, Ahmed Sékou Touré, to form a government.

Instead, Conté set up a National Revolutionary Council with 25 members. The military leaders followed the same fierce anti-American Sékou Touré's tragic death in a plane crash on March 26. Publicly branding the dead president and his followers as "a bloody and ruthless dictatorship," Conté immediately pledged to dismantle Sékou Touré's oppressive political machine. Indeed, during most of his nearly 35 years in power Sékou Touré ruled Guinea's 5.5 million inhabitants almost single-handedly, absolutely banning all opposition. Outside the country Sékou Touré enjoyed a widespread reputation as a diplomat. But Western observers say that during the 1970s alone, as many as 2,000 Guineans disappeared behind the walls of Conakry's Madou Borro prison. As well,



Lansana Conté

an estimated one million people—almost one-fifth of the population—left the country, settling in neighboring countries. For most of his time in power, Sékou Touré accepted aid only from Eastern Bloc nations. But in recent years he renounced socialism and asked the West to help exploit Guinea's vast mineral reserves. After taking power, Conté promised to "promote reform" of Guinea's depressed economy, encouraging hopes that the West would gain access to that potential wealth.

In contrast to Guinea, powerful Cameroun enjoyed stability until Biya came to power. But Biya, a Christian, has exacerbated north-south tensions by purging northern Moslems from power. Last August Ahidjo, now in exile, fled the country after Biya accused him of plotting his assassination. Biya's survival remained in doubt for nearly 24 hours at the weekend. At one time Biya's aides returned to the air to claim that the coup attempt had failed. Added as an astute, warning the capital's 300,000 citizens to stay home while map-making continued. "We were interrupted, but everything is okay." But then it went off the air again amid renewed reports of fighting. Finally, the president himself told listeners that loyal troops had crushed rebellious elements of his Republican Guard. In fact, the troublous episode had to have resulted from an order issued by Biya's chief of staff, Sékou Touré's tragic death in a plane crash on March 26. Publicly branding the dead president and his followers as "a bloody and ruthless dictatorship," Conté immediately pledged to dismantle Sékou Touré's oppressive political machine. Indeed, during most of his nearly 35 years in power Sékou Touré ruled Guinea's 5.5 million inhabitants almost single-handedly, absolutely banning all opposition. Outside the country Sékou Touré enjoyed a widespread reputation as a diplomat. But Western observers say that during the 1970s alone, as many as 2,000 Guineans disappeared behind the walls of Conakry's Madou Borro prison. As well,

—Lynn DeCourt in Abidjan.

# LIFE WITH LESS SEX

By Gillian MacKay

**O**n a sombre afternoon in London, England, an odd assortment of women—slightly gowned matrons, young mothers with babies, bookish students and teenagers—crowded into a lecture theatre near Buckingham Palace. They came searching for answers from one of feminism's most charismatic and compelling prophets, Germane Greer. Twenty years ago the author of *The Female Eunuch* had rallied Western women with her ringing call to arms in the new sexual revolution. But on the podium she was older, disillusioned, weary and full retreat from her former battle. On the eve of the publication of her new book, *Sex and Destiny: The Politics of Human Fertilisation*, Greer told the women before her that the revolution had backfired—in part because women had backed off. "It is not part of liberations that some man can jump your bones whenever he feels like it," she announced to the startled audience. When one young woman challenged her by saying that many women indeed liked sex, Greer firmly held her ground. In her newfound role as an advocate of restraint, she replied, "People do like the strangest things."

**Sensibility** At 45, Greer has pinned her wavy hair up into an elegant bun and exchanged her libertine frock in silk for the prudent corset of a Mother Superior. The often outrageous Australian-born author who once exhorted women to revel in their sexuality now warns that sex has become a social pastime as trivial as a handbag. *Sex and Destiny*, which was published in Britain last month and appeared in Canadian bookstores last week, is a passionate and sweepingly denunciatory of what she sees as sterile decadence in Western society. With the same fervor with which she once envisioned a new utopia, Greer now contends that the pernicious Western world is sliding toward extinction. In unvarnished prose she charges that Westerners are obsessed with their

own libidos and blind to the larger rewards of human existence that still sustain much of the underdeveloped world. The joys of motherhood and children. And she adds, "Most of the pleasure in the world is still provided by children and not by genital dabbling."

**Praisedewail** With her controversial condemnation of the morals of the West, Greer is proving herself once more to be a media feminist's most fascinating and provocative leader. Whether preaching the joys of sex or abstinence, she has an evangelical flair for creating a fervor. Indeed, even before the book was published in Britain with the public, the few media reviews were uniformly favorable to these Greer articles based on her book that appeared in *The Sunday Times*. "Hush-puppies of sex does it harm," declared one tabloid. *The Sunday Times* received thousands of letters outraged feminists accused her of betraying the movement, angry mothers blamed her for leading their daughters into the state of dependence she now condemned, and contemporaries asked why it had taken Greer so long to reach her current position of reasonableness. One woman wrote *The Sunday Times*, advising:

"The young and the beautiful can and will enjoy coitus, if that's their choice . . . You had your fun, now it's their turn."

Said Eric Jacobs, editor of *The Sunday Times* book review section:

"A lot of what she says has been said before in a grunter voice, but she is the one who attracts attention because of her name and her shifty tapdance."

For all Greer's flippancy, critics have hailed her as a visionary who probes into the troubled spirit of her age. British novelist Fay Weldon, who reviewed *Sex and Destiny* for *The Times of London*, described it as "one of the most important books to be written in this century," and she placed Greer in a league with Darwin, Freud and Marx. In *The Sunday Telegraph* critic Peneleope Martinet weighed the book's staggering scope against its "obsessive overstatements and lapses in logic" and delivered a similar verdict. She wrote:

"Bludgeoned, dizzy, irritated and adoring, I finally reached the simplest of



conclusions. *Sex and Destiny* is, in every sense of the word, a great book." Some feminists dismiss Greer as a crackpot, but Walden concluded that "economics is often a prerequisite for clairvoyance." "Our fitness to rule goes on around us in both private and public," she says. "Those who can see it are very few and have a hard time."

Greer may indeed be a visionary, but her newfound interest in women's traditional role as child-bearer parades, in some respects, a broader evolution of feminist theory that has occurred during the past several years. In the early stages feminists were so preoccupied with freeing women from their roles as mothers that they were frequently accused of downgrading the importance of motherhood. In the more radical feminist tribe, *The Female Essene*, Greer denounced the limitations of the nuclear family and brazenly advised would-be mothers to delay pregnancy "until some kind of suitable household presents itself." But as the generations of younger women that Greer influenced began to confront difficult choices between careers and motherhood, its members wanted more concrete answers. In 1981, Betty Friedan, the older matriarch of feminism, warned women not to be trapped by a "feminist myopia" that prevented them from experiencing the joys of a family. In *The Second Stage*, she spoke optimistically about enlightened employers offering accompanying innovations that might allow women to combine both career and motherhood.

**Individualist** But, unlike such politically smug U.S. feminists as Friedan and Gloria Steinem, founder and editor of Ms. magazine, Greer never offered her followers a bow-in handbook. Always an iconoclast, a maverick spirit who delighted in belittling feminist pretensions, she ended *The Female Essene* on the challenging note, "What will you do?" Greer's obstreperous, unromantic brand of feminism has not been universally appealing within the women's movement. San Francisco left-wing heroine Shelly Schekethan, author of *Women's Consciousness, Men's World*, "The woman's movement was an attempt to work things out collectively. Germania was always an individualist, a throw-back to the notion of the 'special woman.'" Since writing *The Female Essene*, Greer has withdrawn even further from mainstream feminism and she denounces the North American trend toward essentialism. In *Sex and Destiny* she says that Indian dowry brides and veiled Muslim women may experience male sterlization and satisfaction raising children within their extended families than the supposedly liberated women of the West.



Greer in 1977: 'The pleasure is still provided by children, not by genital debasing'

At the same time, many critics have described Greer as a romantic reactionary. In *The Greek States*, at the time when the New Right was attacking the principles of feminism, Greer's glorification of patriarchal culture is unsettling. Said feminist writer Barbara Ehrenreich: "This is all we need!" Greer argues that it is distasteful to be included with reactionary pressure groups, but she insists that "there are some real values in what those people [rightists] are fighting for." She added that she is deeply concerned by the plight of the Western mother, isolated within the nuclear family and ostracized by what she describes as a child-bearing society. But she offers no solutions, and some feminists have concluded that she has abandoned her former constituency. Said Ehrenreich: "One wishes that she had recognized that she does have her own spiritual pregnancy and had remained true to those of us who admired

her." Still others contend that Greer has simply moved beyond feminism and into a regressive form of global patriarchy. Said Anne Marbury: "In place of the 20-year-old's up-and-at-em belief system, here is the 45-year-old's courageous attempts to make a global survey of the quality of life under our self-imposed sentence of death."

**Survivor** But age has left its mark on the veteran feminist, and now she exudes an air of fragility. She still carries herself with rigid dignity, and her face possesses a timeless nobility reminiscent of a Greek statue. As she sat talking to MacLean's in her comfortable London apartment near Hyde Park, her full lips were frequently pursed into a thin line and her grey eyes were envious and troubled. The years have brought disillusionment, but there was no trace of self-pity as she proclaimed herself a survivor. She said: "As long as there is something to look at, I will keep looking

I will not ask myself if my eyes are happy."

Happiness was never a condition Greer expected to experience growing up in suburban Melbourne. Her father, Eric Hughson Greer, an advertising executive, was a distant, uncommunicative figure who, while she was a child, Marlene, was, according to Greer, a temperamental tyrant who berated stories of physical and mental abuse upon her children. Greer paints a holtish sketch of her home life: "My father would sit in a room while my mother was preparing an oxy-acetylene, and he would eat biscuits." Greer learned only years later that her father had been disabled by anxiety neurosis during the Second World War. She now says that he showed great courage in his determination to maintain the semblance of a normal life, but in her youth she despised him for being weak. "He never complained about being misunderstood," she said. "He always knew I could take care of myself."

**Prostitute** Within the walls of the convent schools she attended as a girl, Greer discovered the emotional refuge and intellectual encouragement she did not receive at home. The rapture of singing harmony in the choir and the satisfaction of discovering art and literature outside the curriculum provided "the total sense of deprivation" of home. At school Greer established an early reputation as a tree climber. One day she was dismissed from the classroom for challenging a man's contention that communism was the work of the

Father as Greer downgrades the importance and the joys of motherhood



devil. When Greer returned to the room, a classmate whispered: "She asked us to pray for you. She said you would have a nice life."

But the young nurtured the scholarly ambitions of their brilliant pupil and provided an idealistic example of an eccentric breed of women who had rejected marriage and materialism. "If it had not been for the nuns, I probably

would have gone to secretarial college and had streaks put in my hair and married a stockbroker," said Greer. "Certainly, my family never intended that I should do anything else."

#### Perpetual

Defeated but determined to get as much distance as possible between herself and a dreary, middle-class destiny, Greer followed the well-trodden path of Australian immigrants to England at the age of 25. Working on her doctorate in English at Cambridge and later teaching at the University of Warwick, she dabbled in the 1960s counterculture. Still, Greer had little involvement with organized feminism until 1968, when her agent suggested that she write a book about women's emancipation.

With *The Female Essene* Greer created what British writer Muriel Spark has called "one of the most powerful of popular myths." The book, which appeared in England in 1970 and on North America six months later, was an overnight sensation. In her impassioned analysis Greer argued that a patriarchal culture had mistreated women by relegating them to margins into impotent femininity. She argued that women ought to break through the crippling stereotype by casting off the shackles of marriage, family and sexual repression. Her message caught the effervescence, racial spirit of the times and became a rallying message for many women of her generation.

Greer herself quickly became a feminist heroine joining a stellar lineage that included Steinem and Friedan. With a dazzling personal style that matched the panache of her writing, she actually sought the limelight. She spoke on university campuses across North

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**Green at home in London:** contraceptive technology has turned Muslim women into gurus who risk health and fertility

COVER

America, and Europe, matched with Norman Mailer in a new-famous debate and would had a raucous quote to offer the media. Unlike the drab stereotype of feminists—women in overalls with bad hair and lack brawn—which she frequently heard from Geraldo, she was a progressive, educated housewife, a committed housewife and American—a progressive, looking like a glistening advertisement for remodeled womenhood. And after the obnoxious animal-inventive of radical leader *Frank*—Grace Adams and husband writer Kate Millett, she appealed to us as well as women—a feminist who wore feather boas, fluoresced her preposterously, posed in the nude for *Playboy*, and was a political activist who declared that she was having fun as *An Aberration* proclaimed in 1973, "Trendy as any 'moo' herd," Geraldo Grover is that rarity among feminist propagandists, a woman with a sense of humor who is proud of her own sex appeal.

But behind the bravado was a woman who admitted to herself in a quiet moment, "The French know, don't they?" As she exhorted others to do, she herself explored the path to liberation with the passionate curiosity of an explorer in the unknown. But the history of that odyssey, well-known to the public through Giscard's eulogies to the media, is a troubled one. In 1985 she married Paul du Feu, an unemployed bricklayer whom she met in a pub and who later posed as Britain's first male

she was never pregnant. The marriage lasted three weeks, and they divorced in 1973. Over the course of a long string of short-term affairs she had three abortions. Then in the late 1970s, when she decided she wanted a child, she found that she could not conceive. She underwent a five-hour operation in hopes of becoming fertile, but it was unsuccessful. The experience did not have "off ice." As she told one of London's tabloid newspapers in 1985, "I have a bed as big as a hall park, but nothing ever happens there."<sup>4</sup>

**Gynecologist:** Still, Green claims a division between the sexual revolution and the women's movement, which she sees as very much within the emerging and the decadent cultures of the 1960s. Green condemns a society that knows not its constant need of self-gratification and supports a professional cadre of sex therapists who have rendered the experience of orgasm obscene and banal. She claims that contraceptive technology, instead of liberating women, has turned them into gamblers who risk their health and fertility for instant sex. Taking the pill, says Green, is like "using a scounder to crush a frog," and the contraceptive device turns the womb into a "potions shop." She also condemns the "pill culture," patriarchal methods of birth control, such as contraceptive and abstinence. "People are saying I am against sex," Green said. "I am not. The principal reason I defend doing less of it is because I think it makes it better." According to Green, a teenager with a packet of pills in her purse and a copy of *Playboy* in her backpack is a symbol of Western society as an expression of her own self-expression. But Green rejects any suggestion that she is glorification about her past. "I do not want people to think I am a sexual saint," she declared. "I had a great sex." But she is even more appalled at the fact that many people now consider her to be the godmother of a permissive society. "People seem to think I am Shag Heifer, and that the reasons people started having sex is because I told them to," she said. "All I ever said is that it is not pleasant to have sex with losers or no one." She sympathizes, however, with that wraith of books and movies, *Playboy*. "Sex and Love," said Linda Hart, Toronto Shaw columnist and personal friend of Green's. "She had sex, your sexuality, explore it, enjoy it. Being liberated didn't mean anything."

*The Joy of Sex* on her bookshelf is a glibly coy memoir compared with the young woman growing up in the repressive era of the 1950s. "When I was a pale-faced, badly dressed 18-year-old, I was never given a moment's peace," she said recently. "I really believed the sex shots out of my vaginas. I am sure kids these days are not having this much excitement!"

strength of *Sex and Destiny*. Many critics have interpreted her attack on the decadence of Western society as a reflection of her own self-rejection. But Gessie rejects any suggestion that she is disillusioned about her past. "I do not want people to think I am a snob about 'Sex,'" she declared. "I had a great time." But she is even more appalled at the fact that many people now consider her to be the godmother of a permissive society. "People seem to think that I am Shag Hefner, and that the reasons people started having sex are because I told them to," she said. "All I ever said is that it is not preposterous to have sexual urges at ease." Even sympathetic observers find that wanting of bands such as *Destry*, *Destry Rides Again*, *Saint Louis*, *Hart, Flanders and Flagg*, and a personal friend of Gessie's. "She has no particular quality explore it, enjoy it. It's limited," *Destry*'s director, John Cromwell, told *Newsweek*.

Gross's current views on sexual liberation are steeped in old-fashioned romanticism. Sex should not be a banal experience, she adds—the “insertion of

## The long, hard march for liberation

**T**he history of the women's movement in North America is an epic in two chapters. More than a century ago the first generation of feminists laid the groundwork for women's rights activism. In the United States they were dedicated abolitionists who quickly realized that women had almost as few legal rights as the slaves they wanted to free. In Canada they were suffragists and prohibitionists who envisioned a better society that did not disenfranchise half its members. For 70 years battles on both sides of the border fought for equality with men. But the movement expended most of its energy on one front—the right to vote, which women won in Canada in 1918 and in the United States in 1920. Then, in the widespread belief that the longer battle was won, the feminist cause collapsed. It was left to the granddaughters of the founders to investigate the nature of femininity itself decades later.

**Beginning:** The second wave of feminism actually arose in the mid-1960s. Following the civil rights movement, a new generation of feminists—middle-class women who rejected the belief that having the right to vote had radically altered the lives of North American women. The new feminists raised fundamental questions about Western society's most basic psychological, cultural and biological assumptions. In *The Feminine Mystique*, U.S. feminist Betty Friedan argued women by depicting them as prisoners of their traditional roles as wives, mothers and housekeepers—and still economically dependent on men.

Friedan discussed Freud's idea that anatomy determines destiny, and she replaced it with another one: identity is destiny. And identity, she insisted, is

"Women can affect society as well as be affected by it," she wrote, "and in the end a woman has the power to choose." Friedan paved the path for a new group of women looking for more power in a society that they believed was controlled by men. She inspired a generation of

accomplished feminist writers. Their books eventually politicized every aspect of women's lives. The best-seller lists reflected the breadth of their audience and the extent of their interests. In *Against Our Will*, Ms.



**Steinmetz:** women no longer believed that anatomy had to determine destiny

Women and Rape, Susan Brownmiller examined sexual violence against women; Germane Greer's *The Female Eunuch* was a bawdy critique of male supremacy, and Kate Millett's *Sisterhood Is Powerful* articulated patriarchal society.

the patriarchy

calization magazine, into a crusading women's journal almost overnight. The most radical feminists argued for nothing less than an end to the traditional family and an alternative expectation of women's nonsexual matrilineal marriage, motherhood and religion.

But the movement's solidarity founders on the rocks of bank economic realities. Despite a generation's campaign for equal pay, at the end of the 1970s women working full time in North America earned for an average of \$6 cents for

try dollar paid to men. The demand for equal job opportunities also proved only unsuccessful.

**Watkinson:** I believe social issues split government as well. Many women questioned whether an essentially middle-class government could serve the needs of poor and minority women. And liberal feminists on the family side supported sexual liberation and articulate alternatives many women who sympathized with the movement's environmental goals but could not accept its radical feminism, that an ordinary mayonnaise was unacceptable. The movement, she said, "wasn't a nice act over, but it started at a second stage"—the title of her newest book. That stage will concentrate hard-won gains and formulate a agenda based on the lessons of the 12 years, she said. In Canada in 1982 we saw a constitutional guarantee of equality in the new Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

For Frasda, one hard-won lesson is that "It is not easy to live with—or host—men and children on the basis of the [earlier] feminist agenda." Whether she and other moderate feminists can persuade the splintered movement to agree on that proposition will determine whether or not feminism "as a coherent ideology has a future." —ANNE FISHERSON in Toronto



### **Wright's branching partitivity**

national policies and the deposition of a tribal chief, like splitting jello into a "doghouse." For that reason Britain's *Private Eye* magazine has nicknamed her "De-Douglas-Greer." Still, Greer claims to know her subject well. She says that she has had an ideal sexual relationship for 10 years with a married man who has a son. Her farmhouse is Tuscany, Italy. She says recently, "If he were to walk in here right now, anyone would look around to see what I was doing with him, and it would simply be me looking at him and him looking at me."

**Sophistication:** Greer spends most of the year encircled in her London apartment decorated in matching tassels of rose and beige with rich fabrics carpeting. Sitting in a fashionable London restaurant sipping champagne and wincing her favorite designer dress, she holds court with numerous pauper-poly who knew her. In appearance, Greer is an urban sophisticate, but she professes disdain for the "fancy magazine world" in which she lives. There or four times a year she escapes to the Tuscan hills, where she cooks, gardens and converses in a Faustian dialect. Her admiration for the proud local peasants, whose lives revolve around the extended family, is boundless. "There way of life strikes me as so much more solid than ours," she says. "You can eat until you're full, and have a good time with it."

In Italy, Greer first noticed the outlines of the contrast between living and dying cultures that becomes the theme of *Sex and Destiny*. Her epic study grows in depth and detail as she traveled through India, the Far East, and other parts of the undeveloped world through the 1970s. She also read hundreds of medical, anthropological and historical reports. Many jaded Western intellectuals have made voyages of discovery to primitive societies, but Greer is one of the few to confront the stultified toward human fertility is developed and undeveloped societies. In "The West" she was angered by what she considered to be the degraded status of mothers, the isolation of the nuclear family and the independence of non-nuclear societies to children. The result, she said, a declining birth rate. "If mothering is not positively reinforced," she warned, "we will cease to be."

To Greer, the problem of motherhood and the hangs-up roles of children and old people within the extended families of traditional cultures struck her as a blight prior to marriage.

What concerns Greer most is not the denoue of Western culture but the spread of what she interprets as its sterile values into the Third World. In her view, Western attempts to impose population control on less developed

countries have been destructive influences. She cites the use of unscrupulous AIDS and coercive sterilization programs in the Third World as evidence that population control programs, far from being benign, have been characterized by arrogance, greed and insensitivity. Greer says that even at its most well-meaning, Western-style family planning often blindly prioritizes sex and the availability of children rather than having perceived Western culture that had

"given the kind of sexual and having long ago rejected marriage and the nuclear family as boring and oppressive, she has never found an alternative structure to take their place. In *The Female Alchemist* she fantasized about finding a farmhouse in Italy where she and her friends would raise their children in a nonpossessive, communal fashion with communal drop-in visits from fathers and friends. But Greer's own family suffered following her own failed attempt during the 1970s to create what she calls a "revolutionary community of cheerfully whistling men and women" in the five-story house she owned in London. At one point, Greer invited a single friend and her baby to live in her house and ended up supporting them for five years. Although she loved the baby, she eventually resented the financial burden. "It always felt like a rip-off," she recalled. Now, she relies for companionship on a small number of loyal friends. Said longtime friend Alison Stewart, "She appears to be very aggressive and all-holds-barred, but underneath there is a vulnerable, childlike quality, a need to be nurtured."

**Creativity:** During the next few weeks Greer will be on the advocacy again with her promotional tour for *Sex and Destiny*. But with her eyes prepared, she is already planning different ways to keep her creative energy. Having accepted the fate of the earth, she plans a personal quest to write a book about her father, to be called *Dad, We Hardly Knew Ye*, and to retreat into the esoteric pleasures of studying poetry written by women. In *The Gothic Rose* (1979) she explored feminine artistic creativity. Now she is devoting her scholarly energies to women's literature. And, although her three-year involvement with the Center for the Study of Women's Literature, which she founded at the University of Texas in 1979, ended in acrimony over funding, Greer now plans to transplant part of the project to London. There former students who have been working with her on an anthology of 17th-century women's poetry for Virago Press will live in an arrangement in a room across the hall from her over flat. The plan, she adds, is to create a sense of community. "Only that time it will be mandated as the center."

Older, more passive but no less radical, Germaine Greer radiates a glow of maternal warmth as she talks about the "Vixen girls" under her guidance. Is setting up a community of scholarship—the refuge of her youth—the intent to be adopting the role of a Mother Superior of her own creation? After the long and troubled march through the battlefields of the sexual revolution, it seems to be a fitting place of rest.

With Ann Finkelman in Tuscany



Pauline Kael

countries we are in, who are we to dictate to others?" Many critics have applauded Greer for raising her infantilized sons in support of women in the Third World, divorce, illegitimacy, and children. Author Sheila Kohler, for one, declared, "She has made a significant contribution to our understanding and concern for people angry."

Greer's fervent championing of flawed women and broken-down parents is at times suspectful. But, as Klinger pointed out, "Germaine always was a romantic." In many respects the poem to the extended family in *Sex and Destiny* reflects her own unfertilized longing. She remains cut off from her own family, and her father's death last year at 70 left her feeling deeply bereft.

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# Shell's painful move west



C.W. DANIEL

Daniel's a boozie for Calgary, but the extent of benefits remains unclear

By Ian Austen

**T**he impact of the three-year stamp in the oil and gas industry is finally apparent in Calgary. The empty windows of new but vacant office spaces are a visible reminder of the headwinds affecting the resources business. But last week Calgary received a psychological boost when Shell Canada Ltd., the financial performance partner last year of the well-known oil companies in Canada, announced a drastic cost-cutting plan that will involve moving its head office from Toronto—the location for 54 years—to Calgary by this summer.

The decision brought cheer to the hearts of local politicians in Calgary. But the full extent of the benefits of the move to Calgary remains unclear. The reason is it is not yet known just how many members of the 370-strong Toronto headquarters staff will move to the silver-spathe Shell Centre on the edge of downtown Calgary. Indeed, the move is part of a major corporate reorganization whereby, among other things, will substantially cut the company's nationwide payroll of 8,000 through layoffs and early retirements for an undetermined number of employees.

Shell president C. William Daniel was clearly embarrassed last week as he

faced a crowded news conference to explain the move and review Shell's record. While all major oil firms around the world face stagnant markets, Shell Canada has been hurt more than most. For the past three years, the company's production and earnings have fallen sharply. Indeed, Shell Canada, which is ultimately controlled by London-based "Shell" Transport and Trading Co. PLC and the Royal Dutch Petroleum Co. of the Netherlands, wound up 1983 with a 25-per-cent drop in profits, to \$102 million. The results, aka shoddy Daniel, "were disappointingly low."

While Shell's balance sheet is nothing to boast about, industry analysts do not blame Daniel and Shell's management for the situation. Rather, the dwindling profits are the result of a downturn in one of Shell's dominant markets—gasoline and natural gas. Although Shell is the number 1 marketer of oil products in Ontario, gasoline prices were lower than the market into a headache for the com-

In the meantime it is uncertain what the move to Calgary will mean in the short term for Shell's profits. While the company will encounter major moving costs this summer to relocate workers, it will also benefit from a decline in the TSX record-high flight costs employees made from Toronto to Calgary last year and the 1,600 hotel nights they booked to the company in Alberta.

Despite Shell's assurances that laid-off employees will be treated "humanely," the uncertainty over which ones will lose their jobs will create an atmosphere of tension for most of Shell's best-of-breed staff in the coming weeks. However, Daniel himself will not be affected by the reduction. He will reach the company's mandatory retirement age of 60 next spring, and, as a result, be expected to stay on with the energy firm only a few months after the western move. That will leave Daniel's named successor and Shell's remaining staff to deal with the transition he has set in motion. □

Toronto office: layoffs



# A cautious antitrust bill

By Shona McKay

**T**he bill was prompted by the federal government as a much-needed overhaul of Canada's antiquated laws governing business mergers and monopolies. But when Consumer and Corporate Affairs Minister Judy Erode finally introduced a bill to amend the Competition Investigation Act last week, the greatest applause came from the group that the legislation is intended to regulate—large businesses. Critics say the changes, to be implemented in 1987, when strong opposition from businesses scuttled proposals for toughening the act, the federal government proceeded much more cautiously with the current legislation, consulting extensively with business groups over a nine-month period to produce a mutually acceptable bill.

The result is a piece of legislation that, if passed, will strengthen the power of the federal government to obtain convictions against businesses that engage in unfair competition, but will not satisfy consumer critics and economists who want tougher legislation and more built-in safeguards to protect both small business and consumers.

The need to reform the rules of fair competition between businesses has become increasingly apparent over the past decade. Between 1975 and 1979 the annual number of business mergers in Canada almost doubled, to 821 from 369. And, according to a 1982 report by the Royal Commission on Corporate Concentration, reduced companies and industries in Canada command much more market power than their U.S. counterparts—which could lead to higher prices for consumers. But, because of the weak nature of existing laws, Ottawa was largely unsuccessful when it attempted to obtain convictions in court. The Electric Regulation Co. of Canada, which pleaded guilty in a 1970 case involving a merger, is the only company in Canadian history that has been successfully prosecuted for a merger that reduced competition. Another rare win for federal investigators came last December when five major oil firms pleaded guilty to conspiracy and串通和串通 violations.

The new bill, if it passes, will give government regulators leeway for areas. For one thing, cases involving

mergers and monopolies that reduce competition will be tried in civil rather than criminal courts. The change is expected to give Ottawa a better chance of obtaining a conviction because the burden of proof required would be less rigorous. At the same time, federal and provincial Crown corporations and banks will be subject to the same competitive laws that apply to private com-



Erode criticizes charge that the bill is soft on big business

paines. Federal prosecutors can obtain convictions on the charge of conspiracy, which remains a criminal act, by demonstrating the "intent" of two companies to lessen competition. They no longer have to provide documented proof of the effect as competitors. As well, the maximum fine for antitrust convictions of corporations is to remain competitive. That would be \$2 million. Large companies that would create an entry with assets or annual sales of more than \$300 million would have to receive prior clearance from Ottawa.

Most large-business groups were gen-

erally pleased with the outcome of the consultations with the government on the issue. Said Thomas D'Amico, president of the Business Council on National Issues, one of the groups consulted: "The bill has turned out to be a model of how the business-government relationship should work. The new bill will definitely strengthen and clarify the law."

But, while business groups applauded Ottawa for finally producing a bill acceptable to them, economists, consumer groups and some opposition politicians were critical of what they said was an initiative that came to the interests of big business at the expense of Canadian consumers and small businesses. Indeed, the bill—which at 69 pages is one-half the size of earlier proposals made over the past decade—does not contain provisions that would end export agreements that lessen competition in Canada or to allow class action suits by consumers.

Said Richard Schreider, a professor of economics at Simon Fraser University: "Considering that the present laws are so weak, it is hard not to see the new bill as an improvement. But essentially it is just a strong piece of legislation." The Consumer Association of Canada gave the bill "qualified approval" but expressed "serious reservations" about it. In particular, the can noted that under the new legislation, whereas civil courts could approve antitrust mergers if companies showed efficiency gains for the economy as a whole, there is no requirement that such mergers must demonstrate how such gains contribute specifically to the consumer. Martin Speyer, Conservative critic for consumer and corporate affairs, expressed similar concerns. Said Speyer: "There has to be guarantees. There is going to be a very substantial loss."

But critics of the bill may get another chance to fight for stronger legislation. It is unlikely, because of the amount of business currently before the House, that the new legislation will be passed by Parliament before the summer recess. And if a federal election is then called by the new leader of the Liberal party, the future of the bill will be thrown into even greater uncertainty. That result would not surprise Schreider, who declared: "As a people, Canadians have never been drawn to the ideals of competition. The country's psyche is such that we will probably never have a strong antitrust policy."

With Marilyn Bond in Ottawa



Journal newsmen suspect information, speculative investors and the SEC

## The Journal's dirty linen

**T**he senior Wall Street Journal stated its own preface must accompany: "As part of our business," North America's largest newspaper editorialized last week, "we often find it necessary to explore and expose facts that embarrass others.... We are doubly embarrassed to be caught with our own scandal...." The scandal in question centred on an unprecisioned confession by R. Foster Winans, formerly a writer for the Journal's editorial, "Board on the Street." He said that he had passed on information from news-to-be-published stories to speculative investors. In its aftermath, Winans was dismissed after less than two weeks, and just days before he was to resign a job at another publication—and the paper carried an explosive article about the case on its front page.

The story depicted Winans as an unreliable financial reporter who enjoyed a warm rapport with colleagues and, despite some minor reprimands, the confidence of his editors. But it also disclosed that Winans, 38, had difficulty getting by on his \$30,000 salary and was the homosexual lover of a 35-year-old finance news clerk at the Journal who allegedly made heavy financial demands on him. The fact that Winans had begun revealing information as impending stories to investors (whether it was in exchange for money or for sex tips is still unclear) came to the Journal's attention only as a result of an investigation by the Securities and Exchange Commission, the US government agency that acts as a watchdog over stock market abuses.

According to the SEC's subpoena, Winans had admitted revealing details of stories that could have enabled traders to reap sizable profits by speculating on stocks before the article's publication. Winans is being questioned about stories involving 20 companies. The agency is also trying to determine whether he wrote articles specifically designed to move individual stock prices. Through his lawyers, Winans denies that charge and says his motivation was always completely accurate.

For years, the SEC has been attempting to banish the practice of insider trading from the market. "There have been more insider trading cases in the past two years than in the rest of the agency's history," and securities lawyer Michael Klein. What is different about the Winans probe, Klein added, is that it involved a journalist whose work covering Wall Street's rumors and trends inherently "manufactured events that had investor significance."

Closely, the agency will now come to watch the articles and scripts of journalists whose reports can move markets. The size of R. Foster Winans may not prove unique. For its part, the Journal has adopted an extremely open policy of disclosing all but the most legally sensitive aspects of the investigation. As its editor explained: "We are, of course, watching our dirty linen to the public. This is precisely the service we have often recommended to others."

—LESTER GLASS in New York

## Lalonde toys with a Paris posting

**T**he job involves a lot of travel and requires a background in economics. And for Finance Minister Marc Lalonde, the government's high-profile post to Paris was a welcome distraction during a week of unceasing headlines about rising interest rates and mounting unemployment—which reached a seasonally adjusted level of 11.4 per cent in March, the highest since April, 1983. Last week, while many of his closest colleagues sought the Liberal leadership, Lalonde was pondering the possibility of becoming the new secretary-general of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development. For a man wondering what the future may hold beyond the Liberal convention in June, the recent reconvened discussions from several member states that he apply for the post could not have come at a better time. But while Lalonde appears delighted, his appointment would require the consent of each of the OECD's 24 member countries.

The diplomatic question about Lalonde's interest in the job brought a quick response. The federal government immediately called its ambassadors in the OECD capitals to begin taking readings on whether Lalonde would be acceptable as secretary-general. Said Margaret Neiva, the finance minister's press secretary: "He feels it is a great honour to be considered."

Lalonde's enthusiasm was not shared by his political opponents. Conservative Leader Brian Mulroney declared, "He goes with our blessing if he proves never to cause bad relations with the country." Lalonde retorted that there probably was not a single businessman who had received as much unemployment as Mulroney had at Béchereville.

As secretary-general, Lalonde would head an organization formed after the Second World War to plan the reconstruction of Europe. Since then, the OECD has evolved into an economic advisory group, heavily dominated by the thinking of disciples of British economist John Maynard Keynes, who take it as an article of faith that governments can and should use fiscal and monetary measures to release economies. René van Leeuwen of the Netherlands, who is serving his third five-year term in the position, wants to retire in the fall. And while Lalonde may not be the only candidate, he is clearly the favourite. But he has to admit to say, "Don't be surprised if I am still the minister of finance and I will remain as long as we are the government."

—ARTHUR JOHNSON, with correspondents' reports

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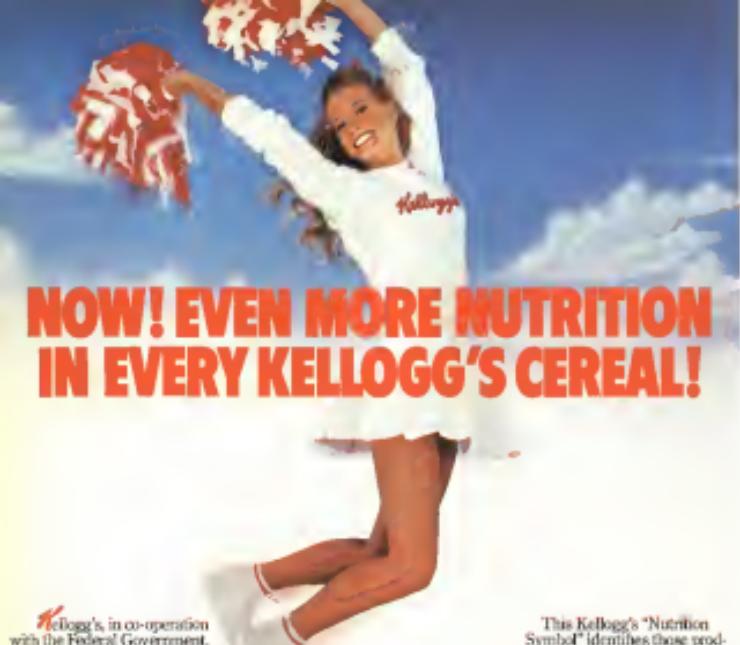
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## BUSINESS WATCH

# New conquests by the Bell empire

By Peter G. Newman

**M**a Bell has gone up town. For years Bell Canada was a sleepy monopoly producing indifferent dividends and mediocre telephone service. Now, almost without anyone noticing it, the company has become a world-scale money machine. Total 1983 revenues of the companies it owns and controls amounted to an amazing \$16 billion. Its net profits are as large as \$3 billion per working day, that Bell can hardly keep pace with its voracious acquisitive hunger.

In addition to just having more power with shareholders, Bell has become a recognized entity with class. Bell's telephone business receives the Suez empire's solid foundation, but its revenues currently account for only half of the group's total. By creating Bell Canada Enterprises in the spring of 1983—and then becoming its chairman and chief executive officer—Jean de Grandpré performed the sleight of hand that eluded all his predecessors: he turned Bell's shareholders away from relying for dividends entirely on a regulated industry. "What I didn't like about the regulated situation is which we found ourselves," de Grandpré told me recently, "was that some of the income from our unregulated business ventures was subsidizing the telephone operation. This was bad because it meant that people wouldn't be really paying the price they should for their service. Bell Canada now operates in its own envelope and has no outside investments." (Bell Canada Enterprises is not, as some outsiders believe, residing on Ian Sinclair's Canadian Pacific Enterprises, which is a CP subsidiary. In Bell's case, the venture category has become the parent.)

De Grandpré's main acquisition so far has been TransCanada Pipelines, which superficially sounds as if it were moving from one regulated industry to another. TCI is actually one of Canada's largest energy companies, with annual revenues of \$3.5 billion. As well as its East-West transmission system, it holds huge blocks of oil and gas reserves in Australia, Saudi Egypt, Indonesia, Italy and the North Sea as well as Western Canada and the United States. In 1982 the company drilled 435 exploratory wells.

Bell's 1983 purchase of TransCanada's controlling interest didn't even cost one year of its net income. Other operations already within the Bell En-

terprise stable include Tele-Dirxent (which prints and markets telephone directories in New Jersey, Saudi Arabia and Australia), Retailair-Polarstar (one of Canada's largest printing houses), Alphatect (an Ottawa-based laser printing operation), and Canar (which publishes half a dozen newspaper magazines). The most significant holding is a 62-per-cent interest in Northern Telecom Ltd., the second-largest designer and manufacturer of electronic

keeping in mesh with our shareholders." This anxiety emanates from the top floor of Montreal's Place Victoria, which houses Bell Enterprises' employees, most of them searching for lucrative corporate acquisitions. (The latest buyout is Case-Hoyle, a Rochester, New York-based printing plant that handles such top U.S. contracts as orders to print *Architectural Digest* and *Gourmet* magazines.)

To shepherd the new buyouts, de Grandpré has just snatched Robert Blanchard, executive vice-president of E.I. du Pont de Nemours, a talented corporate venturer who helped light DuPont's original textile section. See page 6 to acquire Casco Inc. Other Bell Canada Enterprises acquisitions have included Safelite Glass Corporation (a Winnipeg-based business paper publisher), Hitel Woodreading (local telephone poles), as well as ownership of the city franchises in Vancouver, Calgary and Edmonton.

The urgency to keep laying out more and more companies springs from the fact that Bell's 300,000 shareholders and 100,000 employees participate in various reinvestment and stock dividend plans which cough up about \$300 million a year waiting to be put to work. That's about as close as you can get to a personal money machine.

De Grandpré's optimism about the future is tempered only by his passionate feelings as a French Canadian watching his city and province commit economic suicide. "The separatisms do so much damage," he sighs. "It takes a long time to retake what you've destroyed. Had we been allowed to build on top of the spirit of co-operation inspired by Expo 67, we would be an tap of the world today as an international financial centre. This has been destroyed in less than 30 years by creating an environment, a perception that people who are not Québécois—and I don't know what a Québécois is, except that I am not one of them according to their definition—are not welcome. The head offices will never come back, and it will take years before new ones establish their roots here."

De Grandpré still lives in Montreal (though he spends two-thirds of his working time outside the city), but his two daughters are resident in Toronto, and his own future seems undecided. "I will stay here as long as it remains tolerable here," he says. "If it becomes intolerable, I will have no choice but to go."



Dr. Grandpré: shrewd, wealth

equipment in North America. (46 plants and 37 research centres worldwide) One of Canada's most remarkable success stories, Northern Telecom is the engine that really drives the Bell empire. With deregulation on the horizon and competition springing up all over the country, Bell's telephone service seems destined to fading importance. "Our," says de Grandpré, "is a very big capital pool, and my staff is constantly monitoring corporate results, as well as



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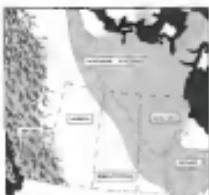
But a steady supply of crude from frontier sources is still a long way off - at least until the 1990s. In the meantime, Gulf Canada continues to explore for new crude sources in our traditional oil-producing areas in Western Canada. Higher oil prices have provided an incentive to look, and look again, for new fields - smaller, deeper, more elusive - and to develop new ways of recovering oil that still remains in older fields.



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Billions of barrels of oil remain undeveloped in the ground in the western provinces. In Saskatchewan, Alberta and Northern B.C., Gulf Canada estimates there could be enough oil to last Canada for a decade or more at our current rate of consumption.

The excitement aroused by undershot exploration and discoveries in Canada's frontier areas has overshadowed the importance of the western basin. While Gulf Canada has made important discoveries in the frontier, and considers frontier oil as essential for sustained Canadian oil self-sufficiency, we have continued to be an active explorer and developer in the western basin. Over the past five years, about half of our exploration budget has been spent in the western provinces. In the past year alone, we have drilled about

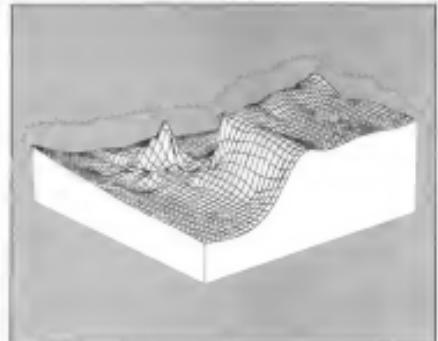


500 million years ago - before the Rockies were formed - much of Western Canada was covered by a vast sea with ancient rivers, deltas and coral reefs. As millions of years passed, sand slowly formed on the ocean bottom, eventually becoming oil-bearing rock in the area east of the present site of the Rockies. One small reef formation at Rumsey was recently discovered using today's more sophisticated exploration methods.

In the past two years Gulf Canada has discovered many new deposits of oil in the western basin, the most dramatic being Rumsey - a relatively small but concentrated oil accumulation that will produce about 30 million barrels of crude

Gulf Canada sees great oil-producing promise still in the western provinces. Working with improved technology in the familiar terrain of the western basin, our people are finding oil that was missed by less sophisticated exploration methods used in past years.

Seismic mapping has improved And we are looking at results



Using Gulf Canada's innovative computer programs, hundreds of seismic readings from seismic surveys in the Rumsey area of Alberta were converted into a 3-dimensional picture of the Devonian reef, 1,750 metres below the surface. In the computer image shown above you see the small Rumsey "peak" lying in the shadow of the previously-mapped main ancient reef. Gulf Canada continues to discover new oil in the western basin, substantiating our belief that a significant amount of oil still remains to be discovered in Western Canada.

more closely. The Rumsey field, for example, originally made noetic impression on seismic maps that geologists and geophysicists did not recognize its potential. Looking again, and taking new readings with improved processing techniques, they were encouraged to drill, and they discovered a rich pool of oil no more than half a mile across.

Not all finds are so dramatic, but cumulatively, many new smaller discoveries are helping to offset declining production from Western Canada fields.

Some of the new wells are found on the edges of old fields. In the past, some were too small to be economically viable. But as prices increased, it became worthwhile to drill for "left-overs".

New oil from the western provinces can help us see through until the frontier fields come on stream. Ideally with long-term supplies assured, Canada could become a

major exporter, not just of crude oil and natural gas, but of gasoline, diesel fuel and other products manufactured in Canada.

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Recent activity in Western Canada is but a small example of what could happen if the full possibilities of the petroleum industry were realized. But to realize the full potential of resource development, we need fundamental changes

**Top priority:  
an orderly resource  
development strategy.**

The National Energy Program must be reviewed. As a start, Gulf Canada recommends the following measures:

- Eliminate the discriminatory aspects of the Petroleum Incentive Payments (PIPs) and introduce an exploration incentive system that treats companies equitably.
- Eliminate the back-in provision that allows the Federal Government to claim, retrospectively, 25 percent of discoveries - including Hibernia, discovered before the introduction of the National Energy Program.
- Stimulate industry activity - and thus job creation - by taking less money out of the industry. Under the current system, money that could be going toward finding and developing new petroleum energy is taxed away before we have a chance to recover it. We suggest that the fiscal regime be modified to give the industry a chance to make a greater contribution to Canada's economic recovery.

The message is simple: with sensible policies we can trust, and a stable investment climate we will make things happen, creating jobs and eliminating Canada's reliance on foreign oil.

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# The Globe muscles in on Vancouver

By Ross Laver

**W**hen it began transmitting its national edition by satellite to printing plants across the country in 1980, the Toronto Globe and Mail boasted about a new era in Canadian journalism. Now the newspaper has seized the chance to exploit that electronic technology. As the strike by 400 production workers at Vancouver's two dailies entered its second week, news-starved Vancouver readers found

it lost \$5 million, while The Sun showed an \$8-million profit. The papers' Toronto-based owner, Southern Inc., which owns 12 other papers across the country, is holding firm in the current dispute, offering a three-year contract with no wage increase in the first year, 3.5 per cent in the second and five per cent in the third. For their part, the five production unions involved in the strike want a two-year contract with wage increases of 7.5 and eight per cent. But the strikers portrayed their action

as a receiving dish at a Vancouver printing plant which produces the Globe's B.C. edition.

SRI, Globe spokesman admitted that the strike-battered B.C. supplement was not making money. Although advertising orders for the "B.C. News" section increased daily, by week's end revenue totalled only about one-third of the \$14.90 cost to produce the daily section. Said Evans: "Everyone is proceeding on the basis that it is a temporary service which will end as soon as the local papers resume publishing."

While the Globe's owner, Thomson Newspapers Ltd., was trying to take advantage of a wrinkle in the Southern group, the Thomson chain had other labor troubles of its own. Workers at its Victoria, B.C., The Province, threatened to walk off the job if a labour dispute was not settled by the Sunday afternoons. The Sunday Star, also in Vancouver, the Globe's marketing park was a welcome source of income for editorial staff of The Sun and Province. Their union, The Newspaper Guild, representing 366 of Pacific Press's 1,260 employees, broke with the other unions in calling for more mediation sessions instead of the strike, but it is respecting the production union's picket line. With the two papers out of commission, every morning about 15 reporters, editors and photographers from Pacific Press vied for assignments from the Globe, earning \$120 a day when work was available. Said Mulroney, surveying the paper's north-flowing strike line: "It's been a bit crazy." He is a bit of a mystic, since "This comes here every morning in art around and back for credits." But Southern president George Fisher said he understood why Pacific Press employees were working for the competition. "These are no hard feelings," he said. "They have a right to earn a living."



Smyth: bearing a daily to news-starved readers during Vancouver's strike.

four pages of local coverage in the Globe, along with the paper's usual satellite-fed range of national, foreign and business news. Said Globe vice-president Doug Evans: "What we are witnessing is the remarkable flexibility of modern technology." The Globe's circulation gains were equally impressive: within a week in Vancouver pressmen earned \$6,000 from 18,000 and the newspaper still sold out rapidly.

The Globe's success resulted from the misfortunes of Pacific Press Ltd., publisher of Vancouver's morning tabloid, *The Province* (circulation 120,000), and the afternoon *Vancouver Sun* (circulation 220,000). The Postman never really recovered from an eight-month strike at Pacific Press in 1978-79, and last year

as part of a larger struggle against union elements in British Columbia, Said International Typographers Union spokesman Robert Smyth. "This fight has to do with the overall fight between the unions and Victoria. We are part of the labor force, and it is time we did our share."

When the walkout began as the opportunity to increase the paper's market share. By the next morning Vancouver correspondent Ian McAlpin had assembled a team of half a dozen down-toween reporters—later supplemented by out-of-work employees from the two local papers—to gather local stories, which they transmitted to Toronto for editing. The finished product returned

via John Foyerman in Vancouver and David Hajosky in Toronto.



NASA drawing of Canadian holding Solar Max; NASA's supersonic engine failures

## SPACE

# The cost of the shuttle

By William Lowther

**A**fter a perfect launch the first crew of men from the space shuttle Challenger failed to find the ship's main engines running this week, so on the ground the shuttle's designers were increasingly concerned about the long-term prospects of the spacecraft's 60-million-hour engines. Scientists at the Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Ala., are working as fast as possible to eliminate design problems by 1986. But sources at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration revealed last week that it is the and it may be necessary to develop an entirely new engine. Justice Lovelace, good, NASA's chief of engine programs, told MacLean's: "We are highly satisfied with the performance of the engines but we are not satisfied with their lifespan."

When the shuttle program began in 1972 with a budget of \$2.5 billion, the major justification for the expenditure was to bring American宇航员 into all other space programs, but the scientists would be realistic: the more flights they made, the less each flight would cost. Originally, NASA designers

estimated that the engines would peep about 50 flights each without costly overhauls. But after four flights by Challenger and six by its sister ship, Columbia, authorities have discovered that the jet-powered engines, which are built by Pratt & Whitney, the same company that built the engines for the space shuttle, have been getting out of control ever since. Nelson planned to steady the satellites as Challenger could not be expected to make another orbital insertion. Said Lovelace: "It makes the engines more expensive than we anticipated."

Lovelace told MacLean's that NASA

did not have precise figures for the en-

gines costs involved, but some observers estimated that they could reach as much as \$1 billion by 1986—enough to justify ordering a redesign of the engines.

MacLean's, which designed another test of the engines, said: "We are highly satisfied with the performance of the engines but we are not satisfied with their lifespan."

The problem is a particularly serious setback for NASA because the budget is already over-stretched by the shuttle

project. It is still too early to be certain, but the extra costs involved could result in program cutbacks or flight cancellations. So far, there is no indication that the problems will affect October's maiden flight of the shuttle Discovery, in which naval commander Marc Garneau is scheduled to become the first Canadian to fly in space. For its part, NASA is already looking for new sources of financing. NASA administrator James M. Beggs toured Europe, Japan and Canada last month in search of an investment of \$3 billion for the proposed space station which the shuttle would service. NASA expects Canada to sign a substantial "partnership agreement" next year.

Last last week the crew's six-day mission began favourably when Challenger blasted off from the Kennedy Space Center in Florida. The crew's tasks included launching a two-ton scientific payload, which will stay in space for 104 months, after which scientists will analyse the effects of zero gravity and extreme heat and cold on the materials. One of the experiments, which professors Rod Tessner and Jerry Blawie of the University of Toronto's Institute for Aerospace Studies designed, will test the durability of fibre-based materials which designers are already using in some shuttle parts.

But the most spectacular performance on the 11th shuttle flight was scheduled for early this week when mission specialist George Nelson, 33, was to strap himself into a jet-powered backpack to fly 160 km from Challenger to a crippled 5,000-km satellite called Solar Max. The \$160-million instrument blew three critical fuses in 1980 and has been going out of control ever since. Nelson planned to steady the satellite as Challenger could not be expected to make another orbital insertion. In the shuttle's Canadian-built, seven-passenger bay, the Canadian, who would sleep it into the cargo bay for repairs.

The five Americans were not alone in space: a Soviet space-craft carrying two cosmonauts and an Indian air force squadron leader docked with the Soviet space station Salyut-7, which already housed a crew of three. The Indian, Rakesh Sharma, was trying a novel experiment, attempting to grow plants with zero gravitation. But at NASA's headquarters in Houston, officials knew that it would take more than mind-control exercises to resolve the new engine dilemma.





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## Nelles takes the stand



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A distressed Nelles: a desire to discredit her may have been a motive for murder

By Patricia Hinchey

**W**hen nurse Susan Nelles began testifying last week about a rash of baby deaths at Toronto's Hospital for Sick Children more than three years ago, she faced an intimidating audience. In addition to an array of journalists and camera crews, there were about 50 spectators crowded into the Toronto hearing room, some whom had lined up two years before the hearing began. They had been interested in Nelles's appearance before the nine-month-old judicial inquiry, headed by Mr. Justice Edward Grange, was set to begin. It was her first public testimony about 38 suspicious deaths in the hospital's two cardiac wards between June, 1980, and March, 1981. The petite 27-year-old with a childlike voice, who was charged with murdering four of the babies and discharged for lack of evidence at a preliminary hearing about two years ago, was direct and assured during most of her testimony. But by the end of the week Nelles, who is now working in the hospital's dialysis unit, had had little to dispel the mystery surrounding the cause of the baby deaths, providing only a possible murder motive for someone else the desire to discredit her.

During four days of questioning Nelles described her knowledge of 38 baby deaths that a study by Atlanta's Centers for Disease Control had deemed to be the most suspicious. Early in the week she addressed the previous charges against her and denied ever mistakenly or intentionally administering overdoses of digoxin, the heart drug believed to have caused most of the deaths. And in an effort to clear her name, her police lawyer Harry Pevsner—whom brought Nelles to tears as she recalled the night of one baby's death—she stated repeatedly that she had never inspected any fool play during the time in which the deaths occurred, despite the fact that other nurses, according to their testimony in court weeks, had heretofore suspicious.

However, Nelles testified that, since her arrest on March 25, 1981, it had occurred to her that ammonia may have murdered the babies. She agreed with Paul Lortek, lawyer for the commission, that she had recently considered the possibility that there was "some intervention" in the death of Kevin Paul, who was in her care on March 12, 1981. Nelles also answered affirmatively when Doug Hart, lawyer for the Ontario minister of the attorney general, asked her, "Did you think that

suspicious may have been trying to discredit you and your abilities by virtue of the number of children whose deaths occurred to you directly?"

Last week's testimony reinforced Nelles's long-standing contention that she emerged in earlier testimony by her earning colleagues. As Nelles's mother, Barbara, and her fiancé, James Flax, looked on from the public gallery, John Sparks, read from a psychiatric report that Dr. Stanley Groden, psychiatrist-in-chief at Toronto's Mount Sinai Hospital, had prepared for her preliminary hearing, in which he noted that Nelles is in "the upper small group of the population which is made up of dedicated, caring and responsible people." But Nelles also confirmed that she had a strained relationship with the leader of her nursing team, Phyllis Traylor, attributing the friction to Traylor's overbearing style of leadership. And Nelles, who was on duty for 21 of the most suspicious baby deaths, said that because of the passage of time, she could not recall with certainty about those babies, even though 12 of them were in her charge. Nelles also had to deal last week with nursing supervisor Lynn Johnstone's testimony that Nelles had said "we're out of seven isn't bad" after six babies died during seven nights that her team was on duty in March, 1981. Nelles testified that she was not expressing callousness but rather her distress over the number of deaths. As for her colleague's observation that Nelles showed little or no distress when babies died, she replied, "I didn't think I would be able to function on the ward if I let myself cry."

Meanwhile, Nelles's testimony will likely provide greater interest in nurse Phyllis Traylor's appearance before the Grange inquiry this week. Nelles told the commission that she had worked as a nurse for all of the 38 most suspicious deaths, was aware when doctors ordered postmortem blood tests for baby Jessica Cook and an examination of disposable intravenous equipment. Nelles agreed that she was "shocked" to learn that fellow nurse Bertha Bell saw Traylor inject an unidentified drug into the barrel (intravenous feeder bottle) of Alice Miller about three hours before the baby, who was in Nelles's charge, died.

As Nelles's first few days of testimony ended, the Ontario Court of Appeal still had not ruled on an appeal against a divisional court ruling that would let Grange more people to conclude administered digoxin overdoses to the babies. But with Nelles scheduled to complete her testimony early this week and Traylor expected to take the stand afterward, there is still no certainty that the inquiry will solve the puzzle of the deaths. □

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# A disputed killing in New Jersey



Curtis and Franz: A Canadian caught in a web of bizarre shootings has led concerned Canadians to fight for his cause

In appearance, at least, Bruce Curtis, a shy and lucky 35-year-old from Middlesex, N.J., does not fit the role. But in March, 1983, a jury in the state of New Jersey convicted him of aggravated manslaughter in the death of a New Jersey woman, Rosemary Podge, and he is now serving a 20-year sentence. Curtis claimed that the shooting was accidental, and his claim has led concerned Canadians and politicians to take a sharp interest in his case. The supporters contend that Curtis's appeal, which is expected to take place in the next few months, will show that the sentence was too severe and that the judge did not instruct the jury properly. Critics from Halifax to Vancouver have signed letter-writing campaigns at politicians in both countries. And External Affairs Minister Allan MacEachen has pledged to send a legally trained observer to the appeal hearing.

Curtis was a statistics high school graduate who hoped to become an orthopedic physician when the killing occurred. He was visiting a school friend, Scott Franz, at his home in Loch Arbour, N.J., a small town of 300 residents, about 80 km southeast of Newark, during the summer of 1982 when the killing took place. Testimony at Curtis's trial re-

vealed that on the night of July 4, 1982, after Franz's stepfather, Alfred Dodge, a violent man who frequently beat his wife, had threatened to beat his stepson and had earlier fired a shot at Franz, Franz suggested to his house guest that they arm themselves with .30-calibre rifles stored in Dodge's four-wheel-drive vehicle. They slept downstairs in the living room, fearing that Dodge might attack them. On the morning of July 5, Franz, with a rifle loaded, went upstairs to get a shower and in its absence of gunfire he shot and killed Dodge. He claimed later that he acted in self-defence after Dodge fired first. Downstairs, Curtis picked up a rifle, and it discharged, killing Franz's mother, Rosemary.

Curtis's lawyer, Michael Schetland, argued at the trial that the shooting of Rosemary Dodge was an accident that happened when Curtis was running out of the house. The lawyer also claimed that the two men planned and instead of calling the police they began to clean the house, spraying blood off the walls and spraying over the bloodstained matress that Dodge was lying on when he was shot. Then they loaded the bodies into a van and drove to Pennsylvania, where they dumped them into a ravine

near with gas, his lawyer said. Schetland admitted that the Nova Scotia could be found negligent for carrying the weapon in the house. But he maintained that if New Jersey negligence does not lead to a manslaughter or murder conviction, a legal point that the judge does not have to explain to the jury since the lawyers repeated requests that he do so. The judge said that he would explain the point only if the members of the jury requested it. They did not. Charged Schetland, "He deprived the jury of the right to argue for an acquittal."

During the nine-day trial prosecutor Paul Chastel depicted Curtis as the evil mastermind behind two premeditated killings. In Franz's pretrial sentencing report the prosecutor described Curtis as "the main evil" of the two. And James Newman, chief of the Allentown police force, with jurisdiction for Lehigh Harbour, said in the same report that Curtis engineered the "horrid killing." At a special hearing held without the jury present to determine whether Chastel could not introduce entries into Curtis's diary, defense lawyers argued that the prosecutor's goal would convince the jury that the Canadian was sinister and scheming. But New Jersey newspapers quoted from the diary in stories that featured sensational headlines such as "Diary tells of accused slayer thinking of killing people." The unapologetic jury was free to read the reports.

But no date has been set for the appeal. The outcome could be a reduced sentence, a new trial, or a dismissal of the appeal. Whatever the result, the appeal will add to the \$350,000 that Curtis's parents have already paid in legal bills. For now, Curtis is a teaching assistant at the local detective unit in Bound Brook, N.J. At the same time, international concern in Vancouver, Ottawa and Halifax are sending political and federal politicians with letters asking them to intervene on Curtis's behalf. "I have never met Bruce," said Richmond, B.C., letter writer Sally Margareta, "and I have never complained for anything before. I just had this terrible urge to do something." Curtis's father, a former air force captain, and his mother have written to their member of parliament, South West Nova Liberal Coline Campbell, claiming that "Bruce is the victim of a corrupted system of justice." MacEachen told the family that the Canadian government cannot intervene in a foreign trial.

Still, the persistent efforts of the Curtis family to focus attention on the plight of their son has clearly succeeded in raising new questions about the aftermath of events on that grim New Jersey morning.

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Quebec Nordiques' Aaron Stenley, Chevonne and Nellie Lennox (below) a joyful voice radio's fondness for men'sarts

**T**he Quebec Nordiques' three Stanley brothers, Paul, Annie and Maries, were having such champagne moments before their team's first win in its first two playoff games this season. The reason? Peter and Andre, who defected from Czechoslovakia in 1989, became Canadian citizens in a ceremony at Quebec City (eldest brother Marian defected the following year). Peter's new Canadian passport means that he, the NHL's fourth-highest scorer this season, will probably win a place on Team Canada for next September's Canada Cup. That means he will face former Czechoslovakian teammates when playing against the Czech national team. Promised Stenley, "I would certainly play to win. But he and his brothers would prefer to cross sticks with the Soviets." Said Stenley: "Lots of people consider them the best. We want to show them they are not."

**W**ith her scalloped wings, faceted-orange hair and man's suit, Annie Lennox has become the obvious female counterpart to dandy Boy George. As in the androgynous music from Culture Club, Lennox's looks sell her act as much as her singing with Boyzone, Britain's most dynamic pop duo. The 25-year-old former student of London's Royal Academy of Music and her partner, Dave Stewart, 31, are best known for the mysterious hit, *Sexual Dresses Are Made Of This* and the current Top 10 single *Here Comes The Rain Again*. Their four-year romance ended

and last week Lennox announced that she had married another man last month. But she didn't reveal his name, saying only that he is "very nice" and that he has provided her with a great deal of support and stability."As for Stewart," she said, "It has been painful and it has been great, but there is still a definite bond between us."

**T**he second of CBC heads parting can't easily be argued with the enormous burst of genuine enthusiasm at last week's ACTRA broadcasting awards in Toronto at which the network won 25 of the 33 Nelligans on hand. The audience



named the roof highest for Olympic gold-medalist, skater **Gretchen Rogers**, who presented the sportscasting award jointly to Don Cherry and George Young. Communications Minister **Patsy Redmond** referred to variously as a representative of a performance of vision, "the Right Honourable" (too much, too soon) and "the only cabinet minister not booking for a promotion," was also the only celebrity to draw estatic applause from the crowd.



**L**inda Gail, Gabrielle Anwar and Karen Black were all up for Nelligans for the big winners at the CBC-SCTV mini-series *Empire* free although it was ignored in the major program category. **Wendy Crewson**, excused in slinky silver, won for best performance in a continuing role as Terry Lowe in the CBC series *Home Fires* and fondly thanked her "friends at home eating prima." And the unofficial award for Wildcat, *The Way to The Jasova's*, Peter Kent. He had memorized his black tie with a tuxedo iron and had his reward a red velvet bow from the mouse that decorates his daughter's diaper bag. Said Kent: "It is not my color, really, so I am returning it to the mouse."

**M**argaret Trudeau's marriage to Pierre Trudeau, which ended entirely in a bustle when the Supreme Court of Ontario issued a divorce decree last week, often seemed like perfect material for a soap opera. Now Trudeau, 51, who has been separated from the 64-year-old Prime Minister since 1977, has found yet another role—in the NBC daytime soap *Search for Tomorrow*. Unlike her current job as host on the Ottawa City talk show *Margaret*, her two-episode appearance in the half-hour *Search* segment as a customer in a bar has no lines. While she was in New York last month to interview *Search* stars Mary Stuart and **Peter Hanks**, they suggested she be in the program. As it happens, Trudeau is a sometime soap fan and admitted, "When I am sick, there is nothing better than to eat up and turn them on."

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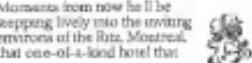
After recording numerous jazz and classical suites, French pianist Claude Bolling is in danger of exhausting his audience through overfamiliarity. But his most recent record, a collaboration with French cellist Yo-Yo Ma, is so deliciously fresh. Ma's exuberant, heart-on-sleeve piano sometimes spoils the purity of his classical interpretations, but it is absolutely appropriate on the *Suite for Cello & Jazz Piano*. Bolling's inventively rhythmic piano playing and spontaneous switches of mood are an attractive background for the joyful crowds and jubilant sprits of Ma's cello. Both players dance through a series of carefully composed pieces, with the appointments of a jazz session, and reveal the entertainment value is high.

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conducted by Claudio Abbado  
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Rachmaninoff's Second Piano Concerto and *Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini* are magnificently overworked. But Cecile Leied's debut recording captures the listener through its refreshing and sensitive treatment of both works. The subtlety, vigor and nimble fingers of the 33-year-old Pilgrim pianist enabled her to win the prestigious Gold Medal Award of the Leventritt Foundation in 1981. Now she explores Rachmaninoff with a fleet dexterity and a faultless deftness which is not in the least effete. In some passages she lacks the aggressiveness that Rachmaninoff demands, but that only adds a welcome touch of vulnerability not often found in many swaggering piano solos. What clinches the success of the record is the superb piano playing of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra under Claudio Abbado. It is lush and banting in the Concerto and brisk, bustling and dramatic in the *Rhapsody*. —JOHN PEARCE

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travel to the Winnipeg Art Gallery in June.

The earlier works in the show illustrate photography's initial kinship with 19th-century Romantic painting. The *Puerta del Sol* (1856), by the British photographer Charles Clifford, captures many of the elements of 19th-century landscape painting. Moody,

charming and touched by derring, the photograph epitomizes the "pathosque." Early photographers also paid homage to the figurative art of their time. *Goliath* (1858), by British photographer Roger Fenton, reflects the qualities of famous baron paintings of the day. The dark-eyed, white-skinned Goliath is as opulent as baroque painting. A tautened image of languor, she radiates sand the rich surfaces of tufted leather, striped fabric and woven basketry.

While many 19th-century photographers continued to imitate painting, others moved toward the more direct route to reality. One of the most notable was John Margaret Carpenter, an English painter who, when portrait of Alfred, Lord Tennyson (1860) captures more than the image of the man. The formal pose is just a frame for the inner intensity that flows from the poet's eyes. An American, Peter Henry Emerson, produced a series of photographs documenting life in England's marshy Norfolk Broads. Depicting men at work, *Sailing the Reed* (1886) evokes the mood of an age.

Throughout *Photography: The First Century*, the works reveal the developing sophistication of photographic technology. British photographer Frank Meadow Sutcliffe's *The Water Babies* (1890) took advantage of improved quality film to capture a spontaneous moment in a series of naked young boys at play in a river. But historically important as the photograph may be, the technical advances they demonstrate themselves have little value in their visual art. It is the controlled beauty of light, line and artistry that enables the works in *Photography: The First Century* to transcend time.

—SHOGO MCKAY



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## BOOKS

# A chronicler of victimization and fear

**THE NIGHTMARE OF REASON: A LIFE OF FRANZ KAFKA**

By Ernst Peters  
(Collier, 515 pages, \$16.95)

**H**I books are stories of suffering and terror. Even his name has tainted the language. "Kafkaesque" is shorthand for unexplainable victimization and surreal fear. But Franz Kafka stories out of photographs with milky, luminous eyes, which some people, even in his lifetime, considered those of a saint. When he died of tuberculosis at the age of 40 in 1924, he was still best unknown as a writer. Later generations recognized him as one of the greatest novelists of our troubled century.

Kafka has been the subject of several biographies, including one by his older friend Max Brod—but none has the thoroughness of Ernst Peters' *The Nightmare of Reason*. It is a tribute to Kafka that Peters' intense scrutiny reveals even more of the novelist's gentleness and humanity than the previous accounts.

Kafka was born in 1883 in Prague, a city he later called "a little mother with claws." At that time it was merely a provincial capital within the vast Austro-Hungarian Empire. He grew up as a member of a Jewish, German-speaking minority inside a large, Czech population that was itself a minority within the empire. Kafka evoked that complex background with clarity and authority.

As a boy, Peters was timid and introspective. By contrast, his father was a boisterous, loud and somewhat粗鲁的 German. Kafka brought his family to England from Bohemia in 1896 to run a small farm, giving Peters an acute sense of arbitrary power, which lingers at the core of each work, as in *The Castle* and *The Judgment*.

Both longing and hating his father, Kafka learned to revel in aggression, as he would be closer to him in a room that was also a corridor connecting the living room with his parents' bedroom. In 1903 he composed a 15-page letter to his father, outlining in cursive and horrific detail the gravestones of a lifetime, but he never delivered it. Peters suggests that Franz really aimed the letter to his father at his mother and at God. That somewhat perverse sense of irony runs with him in their vision as art. It is the controlled beauty of light, line and artistry that enables the works in *Photography: The First Century* to transcend time.

—SHOGO MCKAY

enough to assume the duties of marriage and parenthood. At various times he was engaged to at least three women, to one of whom, Felice Bauer, he passed out a torrent of delicate letters that read like a devastating novel. One of Pavel's few blind spots is his strange insistence that after meeting Felice in 1902 Kafka

and hard-working. Most of his life he was a superb civil servant. His grasp of detail enabled him to become a highly valued member of a department dealing with insurance and accident prevention. But Kafka came to regard office work as an exhausting distraction from his real labor as a writer. He wrote in 1903: "Simply rush through the night's forenoon writing, that is what I want. To go to bed because of it, or go mad, that too is what I want." The despair and exultation he suffered at his desk were to find more real and than what most people assumed to be "real life." He approached words with an almost religious fervor, whether or not he believed in God, he certainly saw writing as a form of prayer.

Unfortunately, history would make Kafka's name forever nightmare rose from the unnameable wasteland of Nazi concentration camps (in which his three sisters died) to become a bludgeon to images in Kafka's 1914 story *In the Penal Colony*. As a result, he has acquired a pathetically reputation as a prophet. Peters dispels that misconception, claiming that *Die Fledermaus* (1905) was insight rather than foresight. But he does emphasize the importance of Kafka's Jewish heritage, a solitary corrective to all those who think they know who defined his work as Freudian, Marxist, Christian or other abstract parables. Dry-eyed but sympathetic, *The Nightmare of Reason* vindicates the anguished throne that one of Kafka's girlfriends, the Czech writer Milena Jesenská, paid to him. "This entire world is a mystery to him, an enigmatic myth. His books are enigmas. He himself is far more enigma." Because of his inability about his own uncertainty, Kafka continues to inspire in his readers gratitude, wonder and a fierce devotion.

—MARK ALBURY

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### FILMS

## Selling sex on the street

HOOKERS ON DAVIS  
Directed by Jason Cole and Holly Dale

Three years ago when Toronto film-makers Jason Cole and Holly Dale made *PiP*, an award-winning documentary about Kingston, Ontario's prison for women, they demonstrated a unique talent for submerging themselves in a subculture that is usually off limits to outsiders. With their new film, *Hookers on Davis*, Cole and Dale once again set out to subvert the common stereotype of female prostitution, but this time their subjects are on the street, not behind bars.

A full-length documentary feature, *Hookers on Davis* is an extraordinary excursion into the hooker world of the women—men, immigrants and transsexuals who openly ply their trade along a strip that has turned Vancouver into the swingers' capital of Canada. In the past 30 years Davis Street, which runs through a treelined, residential neighbourhood in the city's west end, has become a curbside brothel open from noon to 4 a.m., seven days a week. In the eyes of an outraged public, the drivers' sex trade is not a blight as a middle-class necessity. But Cole and Dale turn conventional morality inside out and devote their documentary entirely to the point of view of the prostitutes—about 350 of whom work the Davis strip. It is the only significant pip-free zone in Canada—a place where prostitutes can run their own businesses and rely on each other for protection. Two years ago they formed the Alliance for the Safety of Prostitutes, which distributes "bad bitch" sheets to warn of dangerous customers.

Hayed by the energy insolence and solidarity of its subjects, the film is by turns shocking, hilarious and sad but rarely depressing. It opens with a sunny afternoon scene of children playing and adults juggling while ladies and gentlemen of the night conspicuously go to work in broad daylight. After dark the hookers rule the street. The film-makers weave interviews with candid footage, which includes striking night shots of soloists soliciting, although most of the faces of the clients are carefully kept out of the camera frame.

Among the six featured characters the star is Michelle, a sassy 24-year-old transvestite with proudly exposed all-conceal breasts, an amber oilfire and a black sense of humor. "I'm a crippled honker," he moans to a passerby as he wearily sits down on the sidewalk. Mi-

chelle tells of stabbing a client who was losing his and then explains, "I've only ever stabbed three people in my life."

The film is riddled with such brutal understandings. But what makes *Hookers on Davis* a remarkable documentary rather than a sensationalist



Prostitute on Davis Street: condo

montage is its compassion. There is an essential simplicity between the filmmakers and their subjects, who somehow emerge with their integrity intact. During an Alkane rally Michelle, with a magazine in her hand and wearing the skimpy lavender outfit, marshals the demonstrators and still maintains her dignity. Fueled with that spirit of defiance, the film marks a triumph for radical chick.

—BRIAN D. JOHNSON

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try are funding services that money-starved school boards cannot afford. In addition to salaries, they are paying for everything from computers to new classrooms and asphalt fill for playground potholes. According to Canadian Home and School and Parent-Teacher Federation president Jean Mansfield of Montreal, parents' groups now funnel more than \$12 million into schools every year.

Not everyone is pleased with the trend. The problem with private funding for public education experts argue, is that it creates inequities within the school system. Some teachers' associations say that school boards that have been restricted by cutbacks are beginning to rely on parents to help subsidize the basic elements of education. As a result, the standard of education can vary from school to school, depending on the parents' wealth and interest. At Notre-Dame School in Pointe-Claire, Que., parents raised \$75,000 last year, as home and school association president Carol Olson acknowledged. "The more you get into fund raising, the more it takes responsibility away from the board," said Edward Hickox, a professor of education administration at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE). "If it is worth doing, it is worth doing for all kids."

The issue surfaced in Dawson last month when the city board of education told a group of parents that they should not collect voluntary donations to raise money to staff and pay for field trips. The parents, whose children attend public "alternative" schools with a variety of specialized curricula, argued that they had a right to spend money to improve their children's education. But trustee Bevan Weatherup countered: "It amounts to a form of extra billing." He argued that fund-raising money should have no place in the educational system. Weatherup and other trustees want to avoid the kind of suspicion that arose last November in Alberta when a number of public schools took parents to court for repayment of fees for books and extra courses. And Harvey Wiener, president of the Quebec Association of Preschool Teachers, and that teachers' association across the country have condemned school boards for tightly relying on parents for educational funds. As Bevan Weatherup: "We are not going to allow the privatization of the public school system."

The issue is particularly acute in British Columbia, Alberta and Ontario, which have adopted back-to-basics curricula. There, school boards are learning to depend on parents to fill the gaps when core subjects squeeze out such programs as art and music. But the root of the problem goes beyond a shift

in priorities to general cutbacks in education spending, and Wilfred Brown, an education economist with the Canadian Teachers' Federation. Over the past decade the share that public school education gets from provincial spending across the nation has declined by 17 per cent, but student enrolment has dropped by only 15 per cent. In some areas the situation is worsening. In January the Alberta government announced a freeze for provincial spending on public schools, and in February British Columbia pared another \$80 million from an already lean (\$861-million) budget for public schools.

The key question that many educators have about fundraising to fill the gap is that it depends largely on parents' financial means—and whether parents have time to volunteer as fund raisers or even as teaching assistants. In affluent West Vancouver two parent groups raised more than \$12,000 in an auction last November to buy computers and books for French classes at Holleyburn Elementary School. At Savoie Park, where Roth teaches music, 20 specially trained parent volunteers agreed to teach the programming classes a day during school hours. But not all participating parents are happy to see their children continue. Said Rosemary Le Blay, a home and school committee spokesman in Riverview, N.B.: "We are tired of looking ourselves in the mirror and saying, 'We provide the educational facilities, equipment like Guitars and piano for the walls, but we do it because we love our children.'

Beyond the risk of inequalities in the school system, some educators fear that parents do not always do what is best for their children. For one thing, they might hire unqualified people, said Kenneth Lethwood, a professor of curriculum at OISE. And at a time when school boards are laying off even teachers who have several years' experience, teacher's associations in British Columbia and Ontario are disturbed by the prospect of parents rather than trustees selecting their children's instructors.

Still, the scope of intervention from parents willing to compromise their children's future seems likely to expand. Some parent organizations are considering seeking financial support from foundations and corporations. In such a case, Weatherup and other concerned trustees would likely try to establish a legal limit on such donations to help fund their efforts in schools. But individual schools are reluctant to oppose the parents' efforts. As Carole Osborne, acting principal of Somerville Park School, put it: "Without the parents, we couldn't provide music any other way." —ANDY WALLACE in Toronto



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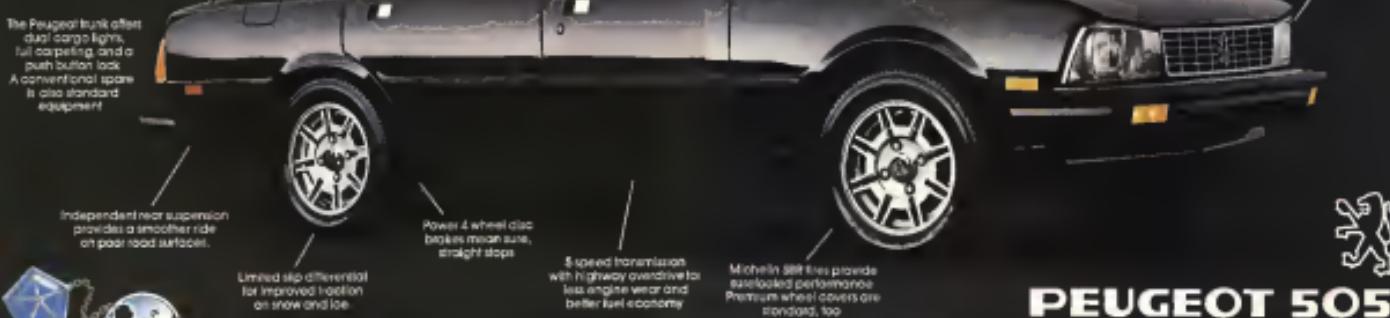
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## MEDICINE

# The day care syndromes

In the past decade the increasing number of women entering the work force has meant that day care has become a fact of life in many North American families. There are now an estimated 10 million preschoolers in day care centres across the continent. But the explosion has produced a host of new problems. One of the most pressing, according to health professionals, is the possibility that day care centres have become breeding grounds for diseases—not the usual epidemics of chicken pox or mumps of school-age children, but disorders such as diarrhea and hepatitis A, which often spread to staff and the families of children. In June an estimated 2,000 health officials, pediatricians and day care workers will meet in Minneapolis for a conference co-sponsored by the Minnesota department of health and the University of Minnesota to examine the problem and formulate new strategies for prevention. Said Pierre Laprade, Halifax-based epidemiologist at Nova Scotia's department of health: "Day care gives the opportunity for certain intestinal diseases to spread because of the fingers."

Although most of the diseases that strike youngsters in day care centres are not life-threatening, they can be serious and they are now more prevalent. One of the most common intestinal disorders under scrutiny is diarrhea, which can last for days and even months. Another disease called shigellosis has also become a cause for concern. Symptoms include bloody diarrhea, which is short-term but more severe than gastroenteritis. But the most insidious of the diseases may be hepatitis A. Toddlers themselves do not show any symptoms, but parents and staff can suffer from fever, headache, weakness and jaundice for as long as six weeks.

As a result, most health officials across North America are stressing that day care workers must tighten their rules and practices. Michael Overholt, an epidemiologist at Minnesota's department of health, believes that one solution may be the development of new vaccines and infant inoculation programs. Concluded Overholt, who has two young children in day care: "We are very fortunate that day care exists but we need to get a handle on these problems."

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## Politics and profits on the papal tour

**T**he organizers of Pope John Paul II's tour of Canada in September are hoping against the odds that the 35-day event will be a pastor's spiritual visit to part of his far-flung flock. "We do not want this to turn into a Michael Jackson tour," insisted Rev. Frank Ahola, who's co-ordinating the pastoral aspect of the visit. But despite the good intentions, the plans of the Canadian government and the Canadian foundations for a pastoral visit are being overtaken by political and economic pressures—on an ever larger scale. As arrangements now stand, the Pope's swing through eight provinces and the Northwest Territories will be the largest public event in Canadian history.

Already, five months before the Pope's arrival, people who want to see him have booked almost all the accommodation in the 15 communities along his route, and now organizers are working on places for taxi cabs and shuttles in classrooms. Extraregional agencies plan with names of selling half-million of dollars worth of souvenirs—from the sacred to the profane. The federal and provincial governments have budgeted \$10.8 million and the more than \$20-million sum sent by the Society of Saint Catherine Church and various foundations ("I pay the cost"), Rev. Ahola says, "We want to maintain the spiritual dimension of the Holy Father's visit."

That is proving to be a formidable challenge on several fronts. Church officials concede that some commercialization of the visit is inevitable. Indeed, they are officially sanctioning some kinds of souvenirs, such as T-shirts and caps, with an eye on profits in defense of tour costs (Maclean's, Dec. 26, 1982). But they are wary of attempts to exploit Pope John Paul's trip politically. Specula-

tion that the Pope's visit will be possibly the Queen's plan to win a Canadian ally enough to keep him in office if they combine with a federal election. Conservative spokesmen discounted the notion of alienating the well-established沉鬱 of such distinguished guests. And the conservatives, the central planning authority for the tour, argued that tampering with the dates would create hostility toward the government. Besides, said a conference spokesman, it would cause "inter-state"争端.

As it is, even with the frantic planning the tour could not start very early or total disarray. And so from the hundreds of thousands of people flocking to the Pope's various destinations, the organizers are expecting 3,000 representatives of the media—including reporters, producers, photographers and various technicians—to haul in. In the Pope's retinue glinting, their access to the press will be limited to brief welcoming

the permanent Vatican press corps which follows the Pope virtually everywhere he goes. His visit to Canada, the first by any papal delegation since his election in 1968, and his audience with the Canadian prime minister, will be the first time he meets with the Canadian Catholic hierarchy.

If past travels are any indication, the visit will likely incite as much controversy as creation. In the United States in 1978, for example, the Pope offended many Catholic women by refusing to let them serve at papal masses. In the Philippines in 1981 he obligingly reprimanded strongman President Ferdinand Marcos for civil rights violations. In England in 1982 he espoused the virtues of chastity to a crowd of young people and condemned premarital sex, abortion and homosexuality. In Central America last March he repeated his opposition to priests involving themselves in armed struggles for national liberation. Then, in June, in his native Poland, numerous authorities he caused to make a blunt appeal for traditional values in the face of communism's atheistic materialism.

In Canada, where the Pope is scheduled to speak to 40 groups, speculation is already focused on remarks he might make on the family, native rights and nuclear war. According to his itinerary, which organizers have now lengthened, he will arrive in Quebec City on Sept. 9, then go to Trois-Rivières the next day and to Montreal on Sept. 11. Then he travels to St. John's, Moncton, N.B., and Halifax before flying to Toronto on Sept. 14. On the following day he will visit Guelph, Waterloo and a Huron Indian village at Midland, Ont., 100 km north of Toronto, and on the 16th he will be in Wawa and St. Boniface, Man., then Edmonton. On the 17th he will visit Fort Simpson, N.W.T., before going to Vancouver on the 18th. There he flies to Ottawa for a civic reception on Sept. 19 before departing for Rome the next day.

Sources close to the bishops' conference, which has the final word



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indeed, the Pope's pronouncements on nuclear war, as an essay issued, have been careful enough to attract support from left and right. Both factions within the church claim him as their own. Rightists believe that the Pope's criticism of the arms race is a direct repudiation of the Reagan administration's nuclear policy. But more conservative Catholics trumpet the Pope's continuing, if qualified, support for determinate as papal benedictions for what they see as the struggle against world communism. And David MacEachern, the former secretary of state in the Joe Clark government who is now the church's logistics co-ordinator for the year, "He both pleases and angers everyone at the same time."

The Pope's views on women are less ambiguous, and potentially explosive—to much as that sources within the church and the conference say the Canadian bishops have subtly argued has not to speak about an "equal" status for men and women's roles for fear of "opening a can of worms." Five years ago the Pope ordered a group of U.S. bishops to withdraw all support from any Catholic prep school or seminary proposing the ordination of women. In other speeches he has made plain his sympathy, if not preference, for traditional, family-oriented roles for Catholic women. Some women within the church were unimpressed when the

Pope announced his intention last month to beautify—that is, to consecrate—his "hallowed" state—Sister Muriel Lemoine, who founded a Quebec religious order devoted, at the date of its closure for priests, The 200-year-old order, Les Petites Soeurs de la Sainte Famille, still has 780 members in Montreal.

The Canadian church's attitude toward women comes under scrutiny at a recent seminar in Waterloo, Ont. Elizabeth Lacelle, a professor of religious studies at the University of Ottawa and member of a Canadian church commission on the role of women, criticized the lack of women's involvement in planning the papal visit. Said Lacelle: "If there

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are any women, they appear as shadow. That does not mean that women are not doing anything, but that the church will not let itself appear as a church of men and women." Questioned about Léonard's accusations, the bishops' conference president, Bishop John Sharlock of London, Ont., said that while there was no deliberate desire to discriminate against women, "It does not hurt to have women around as of their concern."

The bishops' conference has also urged the Pope to emphasize compassion, not punishment, for women. Cardinal Sean O'Malley of Boston: "He is not here to break the people's spirit. Statistics show that Catholics, who make up 41 percent of the nation's population, divorce and remarry at the same rate as non-Catholics. Many Canadian priests now regard divorced Catholics as full members of the church, despite Vatican disapproval and traditional church doctrine, which denies the



Rev. director Rev. James Farwell to some symbols of priesthood

statements to the divorced. But whether or not the Pope holds the highest accolade remains to be seen.

Native leaders will also be particularly attentive to the Pope's words. Chief Bill Taosoo, an Anglican Cree from Val d'Or, Que., who is the only

Bishopage, N.W.T. That leads to a non-traditional community of 1,800, 200 km west of Yellowknife, is giving the logistics experts one of their severest tests. But it will also put the Pope face to face with a constituency that is 65 per cent Dene.

For many Indians, especially those

Canadians native leaders to have had a positive dialogue with the Pope in Rome last Dec. 7, it appears that Jake Poil will make the kind of statements he made in Brazil in 1980 and in Central America last year when he supported the rights of aboriginal peoples. After a disappointing first papal audience in Ottawa in February, when provincial premiers blocked any serious discussion of native land claims, some native leaders are looking to the Pope as a powerful spokesman of the cause of native self-government.

The pontiff insisted

on visiting the church and talking with native leaders, and his schedule includes a three-hour stop in Fort

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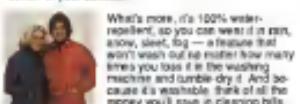
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educated at church-run residential schools in the 1950s, 1960s and 1970s, the Pope's visit stirs bitter memories. Said British Columbia Bishop Ted Chet Thomas Sampson, 48: "The church stopped just short of kidnapping Indian kids from their villages." The Pope's scheduled visits to the Martyr Shrine and the reconstructed village of Ste-Marie-among-the-Hurons at Midland is a particularly painful and disturbing symbol. The church commemorates four Jesuit priests and two lay ministers when French Indians killed in the late 1600s. The church

views the priests as martyrs for what it considers to be their heroic attempt to bring Christianity to a hostile native population. But some Indians maintain that the shrine and village synthesize the paternalism, suppression of the Indian religion and cultural genocide on the part of the Catholic pioneers.

While the issues have prompted a split theological and political debate, they are not the only aspects of the trip to provoke controversy. In Ottawa, merchants have opposed plans to designate a new holiday and to take over the adjacent parking lots of three shopping

centres for a papal mass on Sept. 30, a Thursday. Said Roger Hitchcock, chairman of the Ottawa-Carleton Board of Trade: "It is not fair. The small-businessman wants to co-operate but he is losing one of the biggest shopping days in the week. With a record crowd of tourists in the city, closing would cost them millions in lost sales." In Halifax, busloads of tourists complained to city hall about the inaccessibility of reaching because of the papal mass that will be held at their grounds, Halifax Commons.

Across the country, critics maintain that the money for the tour could better be spent elsewhere, or that the church—not the taxpayer—should bear the full cost of the Pope's visit. Said Rev. Thomas McDonald, minister at Toronto's First Presbyterian Church, which is affiliated with Northern Irish Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor: "The taxpayers' money is being used for denominational purposes—the advance Roman Catholic propaganda." While mainstream Protestant churches have welcomed the visit, some fundamentalists have stoked violent antipapal literature in Winnipeg and Toronto.

The bishops' conference, in its role as chief organizer of the tour, is monitoring the diverse reactions that the trip has created among Catholics and non-Catholics alike. The conference recently sent the country's 129 bishops a briefing paper describing the range of public reaction and urging a nonconfrontational approach. For "the indifferent," said the paper, "let them feel that their attitude and opinion are respected." For the "aggressive," the advice was to "be open to whatever is valid in their criticism"; for those who expect to meet the Catholic church, "let them feel that their offering has been noticed"; for stridently anti-Catholics, "challenge them to be open." All the while, the planners are trying to make the voyage as ordinary as they can. Although they intend to spend about \$200,000 on each of the two "papertrains" to transport the pontiff during the visit, they are stressing simplicity of design to potential builders. According to logistics planner MacDonald, "The word is that the bishops do not want a fancy Cadillac with whitehorses."

In all, the bishops' conference expects to spend close to \$5 million on the papal tour. In addition, each of the 15 host dioceses is raising separate funding—in some cases as much as \$1 million. Last June, Catholics from the country's 6,000 parishes gave \$1 million toward the papal visit in a special collection. On June 17, they will be asked for almost \$3 million more to cover the expenses of the bishops' conference. The conference's Murphy said he confidently worries that the church is spending too much time and money on one event. But, he added, when he considers the millions of dollars that are spent on war and destruction, "surely it is worth something to hear one man speak for peace."

Of

the federal government's \$16.8-million share, the largest part, some \$1.8 million, will cover the cost of security. An estimated \$600 police officer will work to ensure the safety of John Paul, who was seriously wounded in an assassination attempt in Vienna Square on March 13, 1981. According to MacDonald, there has been tension from the beginning between church officials, who want the Pope to meet the greatest possible exposure of the largest number of people, and the police, "who would like to see him in an armored car." However, everyone involved realizes that they can only minimize the risk, not eliminate it. RCMP Sgt. Jean Poirier, who is in charge of the Pope's security in Canada, has traveled to other countries to observe the pontiff's visits. Said Poirier, a 31-year veteran of the force: "He is his own person and if something takes his fancy he will go there. He is very partial to children."

The security forces will be sorely tested when as many as 1.5 million people converge on Toronto's Pearson Airport for a mass on Saturday, Sept.

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25. A still-unidentified number of them will have access to color-coded areas as a 450-seat star in front of a \$300,000 altar with an 80-foot steel cross. But the rest will have to gather outside a fence, some one kilometre from the altar. Seven field hospitals will have 14 ambulances at their disposal to handle medical emergencies.

But the planning will be equally elaborate, and the security concerns as grave, on the Pope's other stops. In St. John's, Nfld., just north of St. John's, the Pope is to bless fishing vessels in the harbour. In Montreal the Pope will address 70,000 young people at Olympic Stadium and visit the tomb of his brother André at Sainte-Marguerite Cemetery. He will hold an open-air mass in Montréal, west with Taït and Indian leaders in Ste-Anne-de-Beaupré, Que., with a Ukrainian cathedral in Winnipeg, travel along a horse-drawn trade route in Edmonton and meet with the elderly and handicapped in Vancouver. He has one afternoon off, and is expected to spend it at an undisclosed spot in the Rocky Mountains. Throughout the planning the bishops' conference received strict instructions from the Vatican on farmhands, including how to conduct papal masses, but relatively little on the care and feeding of the Pope himself. Said Murphy: "He asked for no special service. He just

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While security will be a concern throughout the trip, organizers are counting on the solemnity of the Catholic mass and the Pope's reputation for piety to keep the crowd under control. In order to bolster that notion, the spirit of peaceful protest events beyond the mass, church leaders also are reviewing proposals for related events. Encuentro's organizers rejected a plan for thousands to march and chant to extenuate the throngs. Thomas Turner, the organizer for the Toronto papal visit who proposed the mass and peace program, and he wanted to help people "remember the Pope and remember that they had a damn good time." The proposal was rejected because its enthusiasm ran into conflict with John Winch's opposition. Said Winch, "It would upset people if they saw a Grey Cup parade or a St. Patrick's parade." In a similar vein, Montreal planners eradicated Major Jean Diapont's proposal to stage a floating papal mass. They also turned down a bus messiah's offer to give the Pope a ride trip on the other side of the city. The proposal was rejected because it violated strict rules of communication for the visit. "He wanted to see the Pope so much, but he features for his safe ride," said one source.

Sooner or later, however, they are beyond the reach of both the Bishop and good taste. The Bishop conference are a wise organization to assist and protect us even in hopes of ensuring that the items would be of good taste, and that at least some of the proceeds would flow back to the church. But the players know that they cannot win the battle of rock and roll against them in Rock-a-thon, Popcorn or Pope-a-thon in Ottawa. Archbishop Joseph-A. Piché's plan to raise \$10 million for the papal tour, half from the sale of "souvenir programs" and other items and the rest from a Roaring collection bin, Piché, will be opposed if that proceeded as much skepticism as there is in his colleagues. "The object of my project is to make a profit." But with



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the huge potential for making money, the church cannot control the business," said Plessner. "They can sell what they want on the streets."

Toronto physicians estimate that as many as 3,000 people will be selling at the Dawesman name site said Michael Firestone, who is overseeing the marketing and distribution of Toronto's first authorized items as playing cards, charms and products. "This type of event seems to appeal to many," added Firestone. "This may sound crass, but this trip will cost millions, and at least the church would like to participate. If there is a dollar to be made."

The logistics, security, planning and considerations are all important matters, but in the end the success of this trip depends most on the Pope himself. Murphy and other Canadian clergy members who have met John Paul say that he has a sophisticated grasp of domestic and church politics in Canada. said St-Jean-Languedoc Bishop Bernard Huber. "He is interested in

hearing what people have to say. He stands clearly on several positions but he is not soft-hearted." The Pope also prizes himself as being well briefed on the countries he visits. Plessner expect that he will speak in Ukrainian, French, English, Polish and Inuktitut. Bishop Sherlock said that, in meetings with the pontiff earlier this year he believed "he was already spending one hour a day saying 'Karen,' in preparation for his visit there next month.

St-Jean-Languedoc said, "The Pope has a magnetic personality. He has a great sense of humor, and he loves telling jokes. He is a humble sort of person." Murphy described the Pope as "a strong man with a deep spiritual strength. He has a sense of self-possession that is very obvious."

But not everyone is as favorably impressed. Pioneer Anglican minister and Toronto Star religion editor Tom Harper, who covered the Pope's activities as a journalist for several years, told an interviewer that, while John Paul travels a lot, he never

answers journalists' questions or engages in frank exchanges with local clergy. "He makes his pronouncements but does not have to explain them or take the heat [from parishioners] that presents [him]," said Harper. "He isn't interested."

Despite such criticisms, and the momentary incoherence that the papal visit will cause, hundreds of thousands of Canadians will receive the Pope with enthusiasm and adoration. Sherlock said that Canadians are hungry to affirm spiritual values over materialism, "for a challenge to the dominant secular humanism of our time." The Pope "will open frontiers for our convictions... we're to move forward," he said. "He is an extremely bright way to some persons and seems to want to give that light to others. But he is a critic of social issues and he has put his life on the line. That is a religion in the deepest sense." Added Sherlock, "Belief is taking risks for truth; it is being crucified." For the Pope and for the tour planners, with their massive logistical problems, the challenge now is to keep religion at the center of a huge and almost overwhelming public event.

—REPORTED BY SUSAN REILLY, with Brian Mitchell in Fort Simpson, N.W.T., Zen Wenzao in Edmonton, Jackie Corlett and Ann Webberley in Toronto and Jennifer Tinsell in Montreal.



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Perfected musicals is a long and painful process. In the United States producers test to see if there is enough juice for more than during its run. In Canada, however, the new musical that Michaela Richter has based on her sister Edina's 1990 novel, *The Apprenticeship of Daddy Krostov*, poses a unique problem. Because one of its producers is Edmonton's Citadel Theatre, *Daddy* is part of the Citadel's subscription season. As a result, Edmonton audiences had been expecting a finished product at last week's opening of its month-long run. But after only five weeks of rehearsal, *Daddy* is plagued with inevitable growing pains. They will likely disappear before the play's eighty-sixth cross-Canada tour ends in Toronto in July, when the producers will decide whether or not to take it to Broadway.

Still, Edmonton audiences are getting more than their money's worth. Richter's adaptation is remarkably faithful to the novel, mounting hardly a step in *Daddy's* odyssey climb to a satiric peak of real estate that will make han-

"a somebody." Leaving the play's tent are 30 songs by the famous rock 'n' roll duo of composer Mike Stoller and lyricist Jerry Leiber. Specifically in the first act, the songs and Richter create an extended Yiddish musical joke horizoning with jaunty rhythms and the salty idiom of Montreal's St. Urbain Street. More, More, More, a nightmare vision of dinner at a Jewish summer resort, is a giddy use of surreal showstoppers which stretch the boundaries of what can be expected, seriously and inventively.

Yvette Lowry is outstanding as Daddy.

An inchoate dynamo with an astonishing range of wim and emotion,

Lowry makes his cantankerous presence an stage a genuine pleasure.

But *Daddy* at the moment is two concert plays searching for a common vision. The first act is a traditional, upbeat Broadway musical, the second provides the latter's antithesis to that ever-vivacious as it winds down to *Daddy's* final betrayal of his epileptic friend, Virgil (Steve Jensen), and French-Canadian girlfriend, Yvette (Marianne O'Brien). Richter has not compromised the novel's darker moments—indeed, he has added a flash-forward as the fed-up Virgil portrays *Daddy* as a rich developer who has sacrificed all his personal integrity to social ascent. But exiting those opposing halves into a satisfactory whole will require an enormous

task of reconstruction. Too many inessential scenes clutter the plot, and others need bridges to firmly establish motivation. Many important episodes need expanding. *Daddy*'s creators evidently wanted the friendship between Daddy and Virgil to be a thematic and emotional centerpiece, but, despite the repetition of the song *Friends*, their relationship is mystifying because they are rarely together onstage. In addition, many of the musical arrangements are either stale or clichéd. Some numbers have been expanded, seriously and inventively.

Yvette Lowry is outstanding as Daddy. Although rehearsals and performances in the next few weeks will address many of *Daddy's* problems, one time is not the only solution. Its headstrong creators are hung on talent and short on experience with musicals. Although they have been respectful of each other's work so far, the time has come to expose the could-be child to a harsh, more objective reality. Only Macdonald and Richter can assume that responsibility and, considering his track record with Gilbert and Sullivan at the Stratford Festival, he should be equal to the challenge. When the unnecessary pressure of last Saturday's premature opening has eased, Macdonald and Richter can concentrate on making *Daddy* full its abundant promise.

—MARK CHAMBERS



Devorel: competing with curling for funds and dealing with religious conservatives

## The fertility of Prairie drama

**M**any Canadian theatregoers tassel and analyze the conservatism of the community they serve, but few succeed with audiences and critics as well as Reginald's Globe Theatre. The Globe is now presenting *Masdevall Orange*, a new musical satire by its resident playwright, Ben Devorel, and music director, Rob Bryanton. A witty spoof of municipal and provincial politics, *Masdevall Orange* has found a ready audience among the local civil service, which constitutes Reginald's regular patrons. Said Devorel: "There has been incredible enthusiasm here, lots of drawings, lots of flowers, from people at job interviews. That play is a kind of *Exit, Pursued by a Bear*—we needed to laugh at ourselves."

Devorel has been charting Saskatchewan's progress in the Globe Theatre since his apprenticeship there in 1983. "We have signed out audiences as much as they have shaped us," he said. Last season the company toured Saskatchewan and asked shows around the province on a budget of about \$80,000. Most helped, though some were wary. Ben Devorel helped script a show about a female android entitled *If We Call This the Gothic Show Will You Find It Offensive?* The answer was yes for several people who walked out when the action

touched on pornography and obscenity.

Such negative reactions from audiences and critics do not faze Devorel and Kraemer, who firmly believe in a broadly educational mandate for the Globe. Dealing with intense conservatism, especially on religious issues, is second nature to Devorel, who is an ordained minister. "My two great affections," he said, "are being a Canadian and a Baptist." Last year when the Globe presented *Devorel's Righteousness*, a personal investigation into the life of Saint Augustine, visitors to the theatre were warned: Even Mr. Kraemer feels that the play was "cavewell" and he is negotiating a new production at Ottawa's National Arts Centre.

Book in Reginald's Globe is exploring new territory. It has recently established a new "social activist" group, the Alternate Catalogue company, which Devorel hopes will experiment with non-patriotistic archetypes and reflective writing in places ranging from high schools to conferences. But such ventures need more funding, and Kraemer sees that Saskatchewan's only two-year college at Saskatoon's cabinet may be reluctant to put up the necessary funds. Still, if the politicians laughing at *Masdevall Orange* keep smiling when they return to their offices, the Globe's remarkable career story should continue for some time to come.

—MARK CHARNOCK

## TELEVISION

# A screen full of choices

**C**anada possesses the most advanced cable television technology in the world. Still, Canadians throng to bars whose owners screen U.S. broadcasts of sports events and rock concerts. At the same time, hundreds of Canadians have paid between \$1,000 and \$8,000 for backyard dish receivers to pull down satellite signals. Clearly, these viewers have not been getting the programs they want with conventional hardware, and, as a result, last week the Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) finally recognized that fact. It awarded two new national specialty programming permits to three to well-financed companies which are unlikely to dominate the oligopoly at the heart of the C-Channel network. The stations are the Labatts Ltd-backed Action Canada Sports Network (ACSN), which will offer round-the-clock coverage, and One, MuchMusic, Network, owned by the Toronto radio and TV operator City Ltd., which will provide rock video, infotainment programming 24 hours a day. Both new services are up for an air date of Sept. 1.

The initial losers are the nine fixed-service applicants, but ultimately there may be others as the new channels further erode pay-TV markets. Already facing a drop in anticipated subscribers, Canada's pay-TV operators took the position in their arguments before the commission that the new specialty services add little to subscriber value and that there should be no new direct-gated service. But one of the new stations will again risk their license. Last year again pushed their license under the new rules, Canada's 65 cable companies are off as many as five new U.S. channels from a menu of news, country music, education and cultural programming, in addition to the Canadian music and sports networks.

At the same time, the CRTC, alarmed by signs that viewers are rejecting the one-per-cent pay-TV service now available at \$15.50 per month, is allowing the entire industry to restructure itself into at least three "firms" of service. While the industry has not yet decided on exact prices, the music and sports channels are expected to be available for about \$9.50 a month each; a mix of those channels and the newly available U.S. channels could sell for about \$9.95, and TV add-ons can run to as many as three channels for about \$19.95 monthly.

In return, viewers will receive programs that reflect the broadcasters' tastes and experience rather than their imagination. The MuchMusic Network plans to create a new show similar to its all-night music show, already broadcast on CTV's CITY TV station in Toronto. The rightsize service package will be required to permit stations to fill 24 hours. Benefits to the music industry are as conservative as that programming format. MuchMusic is only required to provide 10 per cent Canadian content in its videos for the first two years. But to help develop that content, the company is committing just \$500,000 over five years. That seems scarcely adequate in view of the fact that pop music artist Michael Jackson's 16-minute video *Thriller* cost \$1.1 million alone. Still, Vancouver rock musician Bryan Adams, recently voted top Canadian video artist by the Canadian pop magazine *Music Express*, remained enthusiastic. Said Adams, "I am looking forward to it—people have needed a music channel for a long time."

As well, mindful of public concern over sexual stereotyping and violence in rock videos, the CRTC has asked MuchMusic to formulate a statement of policy on the issue before it goes to air. While the government's communications under federal jurisdiction, provincial regulators are interested in the problem. Last week the Ontario Census Board began reviewing every video that record companies currently offer that presents a male, female and the stars. CRTC 77 has already refused to broadcast rock videos it regards as controversial, and the station's president, Moses Znaimer, who also heads MuchMusic, is adamant that the industry be allowed to regulate itself. Creating a public body to decide the issue "would only fuel that paranoia," he said.

The ACSN sports network faces other rules: As well, Canadian content in peak time and a commitment of \$60 million over five years to finance Canadian programming. As well, it places strict schedule, reduce sports, broadcast international services and data—already extraordinarily popular in British TV. Because the ACSN plays major major-league baseball and Canada Cup hockey, the other networks are greeting its birth with angry predictions of future bidding wars. Despite those obstacles, the new networks cautiously project a profit within the next five years. Said MuchMusic's Znaimer: "There is not much room any more for wide-eyed enthusiasts. We think that a cautious, gradual approach is best." That comment, a sharp contrast to the wild promises of pay-TV's first generation of licensees, could earn the newcomers a better chance at success.

—KEIR LAPORTE in Ottawa

## FILMS

# A child's garden of evil



HAMILTON, COURTNEY GAINS: SCYTHES, first and subsequently murdered Bible-thumpers

## CHILDREN OF THE CORN

Directed by Fritz Kiersch

**S**tephen King is such a phenomenally best-selling author that the movie industry hangs on his every word. Producers dispense for a bit seem to assume that any work of his, even something as fifth-rate as *Children of the Corn*, is a potential blockbuster. The creators of the movie version of *Children of the Corn*, logically, a short story about an isolated cult of fervent do-it-yourself worshippers, have stretched the simple plot beyond the limit. The movie's plotside doubts that Hollywood seldom achieves at its most crass, least competent and most brazenly greedy.

*In Children of the Corn* one of its main characters really says with a straight face, "There's something very strange about this town." Indeed, there is Guila, a Midwest U.S. hamlet, so adult population. And the children walk around like zombies, holding scythes and other sharp instruments, under the spell of their pious, prissy leader, Uncle John Franklin. Uncle makes grandiose pronouncements: "Question to His will." "He's in the devil, according to His will." "He's in the devil, running from the town." By remote control from the outside.

Into this literally godforsaken spot

drive Bert (Peter Lorre), one of the least engrossing, frightened couples to show up on the screen in a long time. In a surprising display of moderate intelligence they discover that someone has mysteriously murdered all the Bible-thumping adults in the town. The children workshop "He Who Walks Behind the Crystal Bow" and on their 10th birthday sacrifice themselves to Him. The "outlanders," as the kids call Bert and Vicki, have trespassed upon Bert's half-acre and must pay the price for it.

The audience plays an even greater game by sitting through a cliché catalog of dross: cracking, obscene talking and dancing, and dancing over nearly two goings-on hours and yielding actors who could certainly be a few semesterists at starmore school. Two righteous children, like good Friday, show up and help the dis-sickened Bert and Vicki to end all the nonsense, a deliverance they accomplish with a macabre conflagration in the off-feeding cauldron. Clearly, the story is Stephen King's warning against the dangers of religious fanaticism—a message which, in the context of the movie, is difficult to take seriously. Had the ecclesiastic been adults, *Children of the Corn* might have made more sense and perhaps even been frightening—instead of simply understanding its terrors.

—LAWRENCE O'TOOLE

# Coming of age in an elderly land

By Allan Fotheringham

**T**here are many ways of roaming through Britain, the most infuriating and oddly charming paradox of all. One can do a package tour with a clutch of blue-rinse matrons and lead-weighted, grumping Yanks strong on cigars and polyester Overseas manager through an amazing length of countryside by canal boat. One, I suppose, could do a conducted tour of the sex shops of Soho, which would probably consume most of two weeks. Or, as something absolutely different, one can trawl along as a waterboy, referee-hailer and amateur-banjoist camp follower to a Canadian schoolboy rugby tour of the right little island. It could be cold, roughy, the less of it necessary.

The introduction of 22 healthy, noisy, good-natured, good-looking 18-year-olds to this tired old land is most educational! One looks at their brightened tan features and bright confidence level of their uprightness and contrast it with the diffidence of their British opponents: private-school boys still in their Tom Brown blazers piped in white trying to appear mad in their pasted-on jaws and the abysmal Adidas, the new masters for world youth. Clean hair meets dirty fingernails. On the rugby field they share the same passion for pain.

A bonus is watching on the famous Murrayfield ground in Edinburgh, Scotland meets France—both undefeated—for the ownership of the "grand slam," the championship of the annual rugby war which includes England, Wales and Ireland.

In the parking lot outside the stadium, minicars wagons and hatchbacks are now once seen now, the tailgates offering chow mein and beer, chicken wings, the women in coveralls and hats, the men in ties and sheepskins, all looking like backpacks to an expensive whisky bar inside the stadium, by Scottish law, no beer can be sold to the public. The lads have their first example of what makes Britain. Allan Fotheringham is a columnist for *Southern News*.

unique (and backward) the class system, "them" and "us." As the killed jipers on the field break into God Save the Queen, the 30,000 break into loud boozing. They are, after all, Scots Proud chauvinists, their favorite crowd song, singing on their horses, is a chant of "Here we go, here we go." Few know it to the tune of The Star-Spangled Banner.

The Canucks press on, attempting to decipher the local dialect, which, supposedly, in the English language Wasn't it Dylan Thomas who said that

Australia and England are two nations



kept apart by a common language? The boys are surprisingly polite and well-mannered—when in sight. They are quick to the whip of their coach, who somewhat resents them because, starting with '86, he runs with them quite adequately in practice. Every few days he calls them to "court," presided over by the eloquent fullback who is "head jester" and who allocates them—30 pieces here, 30 pieces there—for errors off the field.

There is a standard rule on the press place at U.S. presidential races: what happens out of the Alpinehuts is never discussed. The result of the Alpinheuts is never mentioned. The result of the Alpinheuts, and vice versa. So it is on rugby tours. The journalists rule what happens on tour stops on tour. There are, after all, girlfriends from home. Life goes on.

In Glasgow there is a rector of the opposing school, Kelvinside, who has an impressive and fast white suit and who serves, in his bald-headed flat with ceilings that reach the grey Scottish sky,

ste-oysters bottles of a specially brewed Thomas Hardy's Ale, which cost him 27 a bottle, must age six years, will last 35 years and taste like lighter fluid that has gone bad. After a wild night ride in a mini-van through a mountainside road into the Highlands, a raucous band in Kippen reveals a dour dame singer named Robin, who slices up the numbers like a Las Vegas comedian—and sings country and western. Robin is

perspective is useful. The West of Scotland Football Club was founded in 1895, two years before Canada was born. In Edinburgh the music bands over the city, whether the Pipebands or the Brass Bands, play their solos, and they are inspired, coming from behind to the uninvited hosts 15-15. The stars on the sideline look uncomfortable.

The fullback has a communion after a rugby tackle. Against Duncan Stewart's & McVille College the boys play on the field where Clarissa of Five was filmed. One girl commutes from Glasgow to Edinburgh to be with her new flame. She makes respect his luck, knocking on his hotel door only every six minutes. The bus ride south softens the stone faces of Scotland into the neat clipped hedge of England which demarcate the most beautiful country-side in the world—interspersed with the most ugly cities.

In Chester, south of poor, disgruntled Liverpool, the boys walk the ramparts of the walled city which the Romans built in A.D. 80. The Romans had central heating, and the Romans are still here, along with St. John's Hospital, where St. John's Deine College, the star-studded half has a dormitory after a tackle. The girls look like the cast from a punk musical at lunchtime on April 1.

Kensal School, their opponent in South London, was founded in 1860, when bulldogs still roamed our plains. Some of our lads are blood 15 at the penultimate "roar" for trading their bright-red tour sweaters for losses unknown. As they leave London free of those wahoo athletes are wearing gold and earnings. Britain has earned them.

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